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THE SEARCH FOR THE TOPAZ

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"I dragged the resisting figure along the corridor to the great bay window which lighted it from the end. Just then the moon dipped clear of the rift of clouds, shining out bright and serene. I turned to look at my captive. 'Eloise!' I gasped."

I shall never forget that night when the topaz was brought home. It belonged to Mr. Richard Dacre, who had recently returned from the East Indies, fabulously rich. In the first place he had deposited the jewel in one of the New York banks; but feeling naturally eager to display his treasure, he finally decided to bring it to Fair Oaks.

A word of explanation just here. Fair Oaks was the country seat of Mrs. General Dacre, a blooming young widow of twenty-three. Richard Dacre was her brother-in-law. She had a step-daughter, Eloise, of about her own age. My brother Guy and myself were guests invited to meet the East Indian and help reconcile him to his native land.

It was past seven o'clock when Mr. Dacre arrived with the topaz. After the early tea was over, he led the way to a private study to the rear of the parlors, bidding us follow.

"You shall see my precious treasure, my queen of sparklers," cried he delightedly. "Are we secure from interruption?"

Mrs. Dacre closed the door, carefully locking it.

"Yes," returned she, coming forward into the glow of the lamplight. "The servants are not likely to come this way, in any event."

She paused beside the table, looking sweet and innocent as any saint, with her downcast eyes of the true Irish blue, her slight, petite figure, blonde complexion and profusion of yellow hair with the glint of gold upon it. Eloise stood near, darker, graver, more matured, though younger. Their faces made a charming contrast. While I was looking at the two, Guy touched my hand.

"Isn't she charming, Barton?" he whispered, in an intense tone.

"Which? Mrs. Dacre?"

"Of course. What do I care for jewels? All the topazes in the world could not outrival the sparkle of her blue eyes, the glint of her hair."

I looked at him in puzzled amaze. He seemed feverish and excited. He had spoken with singular impetuosity. What did it mean? Had he lost his senses in admiration of our lovely hostess?

Mr. Richard's voice (Guy and I had fallen into the habit of calling him "Mr. Richard") broke in upon my meditations.

"Here is my topaz!" he exclaimed, unbuckling a leathern casket from his belt. "You shall see for yourselves if it is not a prince's ransom."

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He ripped open the case, and lifted from the cushions where it lay the priceless atom, resting it against some dark groundwork or other. We gathered round the table, and just at that instant the lamplight touched the jewel, making it blaze and flare of a sudden, and send off rays of dazzling brilliancy like a mimic sun.

There was a chorus of cries.

"Wonderful!" said Eloise, with a long-drawn breath.

"Beautiful!" murmured Mrs. Dacre.

"A rare gem!" exclaimed Guy.

It deserved all their commendations. The topaz was wonderfully large and brilliant. It lay there ceaselessly flickering, darkening and lightening, like a thing of life. It was as if sun and moon had blended floating atoms of their richness and mellowness into something tangible—something to shine and dazzle and bewilder.

"Where did you find such a treasure?" asked Eloise.

Mr. Richard's swart cheeks flushed a little.

"It belonged to one of the dignitaries over the water," he answered, evasively; "a fierce, fiery fellow, who loved it as he did his life, and whose blood has stained it more than once. Those natives worship such things as if they were gods. His breath was ebbing when he consented to give it up. But I had to force it from his clenched hand at last."

Eloise shuddered. A vague fear crossed her mind, perhaps, that there might be something darker and more disagreeable back of the story her uncle had told.

"It must be of almost incalculable value," said Mrs. Dacre.

"Very likely its equal is not in all the world. Such a rare, rare gem! It's a fortune in itself. Its price would purchase half the county. It would make millionaires of us all."

I saw Guy start suddenly. An eager, greedy look came into his hazel eyes. He evidently believed every word of this exaggerated declaration. Perhaps he was thinking of his own poverty, and what that jewel could do for him.

"What will you do with it?" asked Mrs. Dacre.

"Keep it as an heirloom, perhaps—sell it, possibly. I have not determined."

Mrs. Dacre's sweet lips began to quiver all at once.

"Are you not afraid to carry anything so valuable upon your person?" she cried, with a pretty air of concern. "You might be robbed and murdered."

"Humph!" muttered the East Indian. "I shall return it to the bank within a day or two. Nobody knows it is in the house save ourselves. I shall sleep with it under my pillow to-night."

The topaz was returned to its case. After a little we fell into a constrained chat upon other topics. For my own part I was restless and uneasy. The more I reflected, the more restless did I become. The thought that anything so valuable was in the house unnerved me somehow. There was no telling what disreputable persons had seen Mr. Richard take the jewel from the bank. It would be an easy matter to follow him to Fair Oaks, and lie in wait until the house was quiet.

When bedtime came round my fears were active as ever. They beset me stronger and stronger, despite every effort to shake them off. Finally, when Mr. Richard went to light his bedroom candle by the hall-lamp, I went out to him.

"You are sure," I said, "that nobody followed you here from the city?"

He turned upon me with a careless laugh.

"Sure enough," he answered.

"My mind is not at rest about that topaz. Take my advice and do not sleep with it under your pillow, as you intended. Thieves are sure to look there first, of all places. Deposit it somewhere else."

My earnestness was not without its effect. He did not "pooh" at me as I had half expected. Instead, after a moment's reflection, he returned:

"Your idea is a good one, Barton. I'll put my jewel in that escritoire that stands in the anteroom just outside my door. I can sleep with the key of the escritoire under my pillow if I wish."

He spoke lightly at the last.

"I see no objection to that," was my answer.

Turning away, I caught a glimpse of Guy and Mrs. Dacre in an angle near the study. I could almost have sworn that he had snatched a kiss from the sweet pouting lips a moment previously. At any rate, he looked disconcerted at the sight of me, while our fair hostess blushed furiously.

"I wonder if they overheard what Mr. Richard was saying to me?" I thought. "They were near enough."

It did not matter, as I knew. So, after going to say good-night to Eloise, and holding the dear girl's hand in mine a much longer time than was necessary, I went up-stairs, followed by Mr. Richard, and lingering long enough with him to be sure he deposited the topaz in the escritoire. I then went along the corridor to my own chamber, which was situated in the other wing.

While I sat thoughtfully by an open window, puffing a cigar, Guy came in. He still looked flushed, restless, excited, and took half a dozen impatient turns backward and forward in the room before he could make up his mind to take a chair by my side.

"What ails you, Guy?" I asked.

"Nothing," with a short, odd laugh.

He took the cigar I offered and began to smoke furiously. His excitement did not seem to abate. After a long silence he broke out suddenly:

"Hang it, Barton, but it's confounded inconvenient to be poor!"

"Happiness does not depend upon riches."

"I don't believe that," said he, angrily. "Uncle Ben saw fit to make you heir to his thousands, and so you don't know the inconveniences of poverty. But I am in a different box. Don't tell me—I know better! A poor man can't be happy. It isn't in the bond. Now, if I were a rich man happiness would be ready made for me."

"What do you mean?" I asked, staring at him stupidly.

He rose up, dashing the cigar out of the window.

"This is what I mean," he cried, vehemently. "I love Clarice with all my heart. She would marry me if I were not a poor man."

"Mrs. Dacre?"

"Yes; why not? She is young enough, and pretty enough, goodness knows. And I don't imagine her grief for the old general is inconsolable. If I were rich enough, and you didn't stand in the way, I could marry her to-morrow."

He spoke with singular impetuosity.

"I stand in your way?" I echoed.

"Aye," he sneered. "Haven't you seen what an admiration Clarice has for your handsome face? She likes the idea of your bank stock, and coupon bonds, too. The old general left nearly everything to Eloise, you know. She wouldn't object to an eligible *parti* like yourself. Oh, no!"

"Guy, what are you saying?" I exclaimed, more and more deeply amazed. "You shall not speak of Mrs. Dacre in that way. The innocent child! Why should she care for me or my money?"

His lip curled contemptuously.

"We won't talk of her then, brother Barton. I'm not jealous of you. Pretty Eloise has snared you too thoroughly. But I *would* like to be a millionaire, though. Only to think, Barton, that topaz of Mr. Richard's, that precious sparkling atom you might easily hold under the ball of your thumb, would make my fortune! Only think of it!"

He was pacing the floor again, a dark, shifting look I did not like in his eyes. He paused every now and then, when something like a muttered imprecation would fall from his lips. My poor brother! What had come over him?

"Go to bed, Guy," I said at last. "You are not yourself to-night. In the morning you will carry a cooler head on your shoulders."

He turned, going away without a word. But for more than an hour thereafter I heard the steady tramp, tramp as he moved backward and for-

ward in his own chamber, which was on the opposite side of the corridor.

I must have fallen into an uneasy slumber soon after the sounds ceased. I don't know how long I slept, but I awoke suddenly, to find myself sitting bolt upright in the bed. Singularly enough, the premonition of ill that had weighed upon my spirits all the evening was then heavier than ever with the first moment of resumed consciousness.

I sat very quiet. After a brief lapse of time Guy's door creaked slightly. Then I heard stealthy footsteps stealing along the hall. I was sure it must be his tread. The truth did not occur to me for some seconds, and then it came with stunning force —*Guy intended to steal the topaz!*

Leaping from the bed, I hurried on my clothes as fast as possible. My first care was to peer into Guy's room. There was a moon that night, but clouds obscured it, and the chamber was quite dark. I pushed to the bedside, and ran my hand over it. It was empty! This fact confirmed my conjectures, for what could call Guy from his couch at that hour of the night unless it was to get the jewel into his possession?

He was desperate enough for such a deed. Perhaps he had even been revolving it while conversing with me before he went to bed. I shuddered when I thought how excited he had appeared.

I was not sure whether he knew the topaz was in the escritoire or not, but I hurried to the ante-room, pausing in the corridor outside the door, which stood slightly ajar. A faint, almost inaudible movement could be distinguished within. I stood as if spellbound for some seconds. Then, something brushed past me in the darkness. I heard a soft, rustling sound, and rapid though suppressed breathing. A human form was faintly outlined against the dark shadows that hovered in the corridor, and less than three feet away!

Whose was it? I had no time to think, and an awful dread was tugging at my heart. Acting on the impulse of the moment, I suddenly grasped the figure by the arm. It was a woman's silk sleeve with which my hand came in contact!

No outcry was made, though I had expected that. I dragged the resisting figure along the corridor to the great bay-window which lighted it from the end. Just then the moon dipped clear of the rift of clouds, shining out bright and serene. I turned to look at my captive.

"Eloise!" I gasped.

She was ghastly pale. I could see that she shivered in the moonlight. She shrank away from me with an expression on her face I could not interpret.

"How came you here?"

"Hush!" she cried, in a startled whisper. "Don't betray vourself. *I* never shall!"

What did she mean? It was no time to discover. I was afraid, every moment, that Guy would come out of the ante-room, and she would thus learn of the crime he had been tempted to commit.

"Go back to your chamber," I said. "You should not be wandering about the house at this hour. Go back, Eloise."

The incongruity of this address did not strike either of us at the time. She looked at me steadily for a moment, as if she would have read my very soul. Then she turned away, wringing her hands.

"I will go," she moaned. "May God forgive and keep you, Barton Devonshire!"

This singular form of address puzzled me more than anything that had gone before it. But she slipped away, just avoiding my detaining hand, and glided noiselessly and ghost-like along the corridor.

I felt giddy and sick at heart. But the thought of Guy nerved me again. The moon swept into a second bank of clouds just as I started to seek him. The passage seemed darker and gloomier than before. I could barely grope my way. Perhaps th half-realized pain at my heart had something to do with it.

This time I pushed open the ante-room door without a moment's hesitation. There was a muttered curse, and somebody rose up suddenly from the floor, flashing the light of a dark lantern full upon me. Though nearly blinded by the glare, I strode forward.

"Guy," I whispered hoarsely, "why are you here?"

An angry cry fell from his lips as he advanced into the light. His face was ashen pale. In one hand he dangled a bunch of keys with which he had been attempting to force the lock of the escritoire upon the floor. He looked baffled and infuriated. He was stripped to the waist, and for some seconds stood glaring at me with a ferocious gleam in his eyes, as if tempted to close with me in a deadly struggle. I caught hold of his wrist.

"Guy, come back with me," I cried. "You shall come!"

He attempted to shake me off.

"Spy!" he hissed, "why did you follow me?"

"To save you from the consequences of a crime—a terrible crime that would blight all your future life."

He shuddered at that, and began to tremble. His features worked convulsively, as if he had experienced a severe mental strain. The perspiration stood in great drops on his brow. I saw my advantage, and followed it up.

"Come back with me," I pleaded. "It is not too late," for I knew he had not secured the topaz then. He had found trouble in fitting a key, perhaps. "Come back. I ask it for your sake, and for our dead mother's."

Something like a strangled sob burst from him. He followed me from the room, and I carefully closed the door behind us. We had heard no stir in Mr. Richard's room, and the rest of the house was just as quiet. We stole along the corridor.

"It was for *her* sake," I heard Guy mutter. "God knows I could have borne poverty by myself. I wanted the topaz for her,"

The plaintive cry touched my heart, but I would not show how deeply it affected me.

"Where did you find that lantern?" I asked, almost harshly.

"It hung on a peg in the corridor."

I restored it to the place from which he had taken it. When we reached his chamber-door, I signed for him to go in. He hesitated.

"Barton," he cried suddenly, "will you not say God bless you?"

I could not see his face, but his voice sounded harsh and broken. He held out his hand, and I wrung it warmly.

"May God bless you, Guy, and give you strength to overcome temptation!" I murmured, strangling a sob in my throat.

He closed the door between us, and I heard him throw himself on the bed, moaning once or twice like one in pain. Then all was still.

After that I brought the sofa pillows and a blanket, and threw myself on the floor directly in front of his chamber, so that he would be compelled to step over me in coming out. Having tossed restlessly for some time, at last I fell into a stupid sort of drowse, when (I know not to this day whether it was imagination or reality seemed as if a dark-robed figure glided to my side, and held a sponge exhaling some sort of sickening odor to my nostrils.

It was broad daylight, and the sun was shining in at the great oriel window at the end of the corridor, when I awoke from my lethargic slumber. Softly unclosing Guy's door, I saw that he was still buried in the deep sleep of exhaustion, and went away without arousing him.

He was astir, however, long before the breakfast bell rang, and preceded me to the morning-room. Mrs Dacre and Eloise were wating for us. The latter looked pale and hollow-eyed, but our hostess was rosily brilliant as ever, and so arch, piquant, irresistible in her pink silk morning-robe, that I scarcely wondered at my brother's infatuation. Many a man would have bartered his soul for a touch of those lusciously red lips.

Guy seemed grave and thoughtful, and none of us, save Mrs. Dacre, were in the best of spirits. She chatted and laughed as if trouble were a word unknown to her. Mr. Rich-

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ard had not made his appearance as yet; but, in the midst of her gay badinage, a loud outcry was suddenly heard up-stairs.

We stared at each other with frightened faces. Then, as if by common consent, we all rose from the table, and rushed in the direction from whence the unusual sounds proceeded.

They led us directly to the anteroom. There stood Mr. Richard beside the escritoire, just outside the door of his chamber, the perfect picture of horrified amazement. He turned, hearing our noisy approach, and threw up his hands.

Then, pointing to the escritoire, which stood wide open, he dropped into the nearest chair, covering his face with his two trembling hands.

For the space of a minute there was a terrible silence in the little room. Then Guy moved forward a few paces.

"Gone!" he ejaculated. "Impossible!"

Nobody answered him. With a cry of dismay Mrs. Dacre stooped to search the escritoire. Eloise touched her arm, and said, in a hard, cold tone of voice:

"You need not look for the jewel: You will not find it."

I glanced at Guy and our eyes met. Was it possible he had made a second attempt, stepping over my body while I lay in that strange, deep slumber? His lids did not droop beneath my fixed gaze.

"This is none of my doings," he said, in a fierce undertone.

I was in a maze. The escritoire was turned upside down, but all to no purpose. Finally Mrs. Dacre lifted her blue eyes pleadingly to my face.

"The topaz has certainly been stolen," said she. "We are all so incapable, so overcome! Will you see that the proper steps are taken to recover the jewel, Mr. Devonshire?"

Mr. Richard broke out violently, before I could answer:

"The topaz must and shall be found! I'll have the police! I'll search the whole house!"

Mrs. Dacre tried to calm him .

"I am so sorry this has happened," said she, thoughtfully, "and in my house. Everything shall be done that can be. We may get some clue to the missing valuable."

"The police! the police! shrieked Mr. Richard, like one beside himself.

I attempted to get a word with Eloise, but she turned her back on me with such a forbidding look every time I approached, that the thing was impossible. I was half crazed by the terrible event that had occurred, and loth to take any steps in the matter, lest I should be the means of fastening the guilt upon my own brother.

To my surprise, Guy seemed even eager that an investigation should take place.

"We will telegraph for Detective Saul," said he, naming an old acquaintance of ours. "He is just the man, and could be gotten here by the noon train."

It was he who sent the message. He set about the search with an earnestness that could not have been wholly assumed. In the first place, he took care that the servants should get no inkling of what had happened. Then he thoroughly overhauled the anteroom and Mr. Richard's bed-chamber, coming out of the latter very much paler than when he went in.

"Here's a minute fragment of sponge which I found on your dressing-table," said he, speaking to Mr. Richard. "Was it there when you went to bed last night?"

"No," replied the East Indian, decidedly.

"I thought not. It exhales the odor of stale chloroform."

"Chloroform?" repeated Mr. Richard and Mrs. Dacre in a breath. "That accounts for my having slept so like a log," added the former.

These words recalled the curious sensations I had experienced while drowsing in the corridor before Guy's door. Had I, too, been put under the influence of the narcotic, lest I should rouse up and interfere with the thief's purpose? So it would appear.

Calling Guy to one side, I said to him, with a look of suspicion:

"I am tempted to believe you the veriest hypocrite living."

The hand he held out to me shook like a leaf.

"Don't say that, Barton. I can't blame you, though. You have had cause enough to distrust me. But, for Heaven's sake, do not condemn me unheard."

"Then you did not take the topaz?"

"No," shutting his lips sharply together.

"Who did?"

"I know not. But you must look elsewhere for the thief. But for you I *should* have stolen the jewel. As it is, this matter is as much of a mystery to me as to you."

The earnestness of his tone carried conviction with it. I warmly embraced him.

"Oh. Guy, Guy, you don't know what a load you take from my heart!"

He hid his face, shuddering.

"The temptation was terrible," he said. "A fortune under my very nose when I needed it so sorely! Do you wonder that I was led to make an effort for it? But that is all past. I will help you find the real culprit, as a sort of atonement."

Two hours later Detective Saul made his appearance—a small, keen-eyed man, whose eagle glances of themselves were enough to make a guilty person quail. By a few well-directed inquiries, he had soon put himself in possession of all the facts we had to communicate.

"One thing is clear to me," he said, then. "We have not far to go for the thief."

I saw that Eloise turned a shade paler and stole a furtive glance at me. Pretty Mrs. Dacre looked at the detective with a sudden show of interest.

"Do you mean to say sir, that the culprit is a member of our own household?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am."

"How dreadful! I can't believe it. There isn't a person I distrust among the whole lot of servants."

"Very likely."

"But, sir," arching her lovely eyebrows, "but not one of them knew that the topaz was in the house."

He smiled quizzically.

"Servants often know more of what is going on than they are given the credit of knowing."

"In general, perhaps. But I really think mine ought to be excepted."

He seemed surprised at her persistency.

"I am glad, at any rate, that nobody has proclaimed to them your discovery of the theft. I may find somebody off his quard, and so get at the truth in a twinkling."

Then he turned to me.

"I must have a look at everybody employed upon the premises. Can you take me around without letting the servants suspect what it is for?"

I promised to do the best I could. We visited the cook, the maids, the coachman, the gardener, in turn. I represented Detective Saul to be a friend on the outlook for just such model help as Mrs. Dacre employed, and so we met with smooth words and friendly looks everywhere. When we had gone the rounds, I paused in the hall to hear the result.

"Well?" I said.

"My recent assertion must be modified somewhat," he returned, with a puzzled air. "The servants know nothing whatever concerning the topaz."

"Then somebody saw Mr. Richard take it from the bank, and followed him here?"

He shook his head.

"I doubt that."

"How, then, do you account for its disappearance?" I persisted, half angrily.

"Wait."

He took two or three turns in the hall, and finally came back to me again.

"Have any indications been discovered that the house was broken into last night?"

"No," was my reply.

"I saw two dogs in the yard when I came in. Were they chained last night? Would they not have made a

furious uproar if a stranger had trespassed upon the grounds?'

I did not know, and went to consult Thomas, the coachman. Coming back, I answered, "no" to the first question, and "yes" to the second.

"Very good," said he, nodding thoughtfully to himself. "The circle of investigation is narrowing rapidly. A few more questions, and I'm done. There were two ladies in the room above. The blonde is Mrs. Dacre, I take it. Who is the other?"

"Miss Eloise Dacre—Mr. Richard's niece."

"So, so. I never saw the young lady until to-day. But, mark my words, she knows more about this matter than she is willing to acknowledge."

I gave a violent start.

"Why should you think that?"

"She is laboring under suppressed excitement too violent in its nature to have been wholly occasioned by the mere loss of the topaz. She changed color more than once while I was in the room with her."

"What can you argue from that?" I exclaimed, showing considerable temper. "Any thoroughly sympathetic woman would have been excited in the same manner. Eloise is innocent as an angel."

"I hope so, I'm sure," he returned, giving me an odd look . "But, mark my words, Miss Dacre *may* fall to accusing somebody, openly or otherwise, before twenty-four hours have elapsed. If she does, you need look no further for the culprit."

He swung on his heel.

"What possible motive could—" I began, angrily, but he was already beyond reach of my voice.

His words set me to thinking. I remembered where I had encountered the girl the previous night, and how startled and unlike herself she had appeared. But I could not for one moment imagine she had taken the jewel. The very idea seemed preposterous. I determined to look much further for a solution of the mystery before believing in her guilt.

While I still loitered in the hall, the parlor door opened, and Mrs. Dacre called to me in her sweetest tones. Of course, the summons did not pass unheeded. I went in and found her seated in a chair by an open window, those floss-like curls looped back from her face, and a lovely color coming and going in her cheeks. One of her white jeweled hands was thrown carelessly over a small, richly-bound prayer-book in her lap.

"What is that?" I asked, playfully indicating the book, which had a very heavy gold clasp. "Pandora's box?"

I did not know what there was in my words to startle her so, but all the richness and brightness and color fled suddenly from her face, leaving it pale as ashes. She drew a long, gasping breath, but did not rally for many minutes.

"Pandora's box?" she echoed, with a forced laugh. "What a conceit! And it is only a harmless little prayer-book, you perceive."

She flirted the leaves before my face, as if that was really necessary to convince me of the truth of what she said. Afterward she made room for me by her side.

"This is a most distressing affair, Mr. Devonshire," said she, thoughtfully.

"You refer to the theft of the topaz, of course?"

"Yes," lifting her eloquent eyes to my face. "Who stole the jewel? I am convinced that the servants are innocent. If an outsider had entered the house, we must have found some trace of him."

"Yes."

"Worse and worse!" she murmured, nervously, toying with the gold clasps of the prayer-book. "The mystery is more inpenetrable than ever. Of course, our brother Guy did not steal the topaz. I would not insult him with such a suspicion. And yet there was nobody else save Eloise and ourselves."

I drew a long breath, feeling that she was still steadily regarding me. One of her delicate hands fluttered into mine.

"Eloise is very partial to jewels," she added suddenly.

What did she intend to insinuate? I started to my feet, nearly wild with pain. In rising one of the buttons of my coat became entangled in the lace shading her rounded arms. I stooped to disentangle it, and she turned at the same instant.

Guy passed along the walk under the window just then. Mrs. Dacre pushed me from her.

"Go, go," she said, in a thrilling whisper. "Guy must not see us together. Harm might come of it; harm to *you*, Barton!"

It was impossible to misunderstand her half-tender, half-entreating tone. I thought of what Guy had said to me the previous night. Was it possible that this woman loved me?

I left the room, feeling very much disconcerted. As fate would have it, I met Eloise in the hall, but the dear girl was looking so white and wretched that I should scarcely have recognized her. At sight of her pale face everything else was forgotten. I sprang forward and attempted to catch her in my arms.

"Back!" she cried, eluding me.

I stood irresolute.

"Why should you take this matter so to heart?" I said. "Why should you shun *me* so sedulously"

She did not answer, but began to move rapidly away. That was more than I could endure. I ran after her; I caught hold of her arm.

"You *shall* speak to me, Eloise. You know that I love you! What have I done to deserve such treatment?" She turned at last, her fine red lip curling with scorn.

"How dare you?" she cried. "How dare you touch me? How dare you speak to me?"

For a second or two after this outbreak I was mute. Surprise had taken away my breath. But it soon came back.

"Eloise, my regard for you ought at least to insure common civility at your hands."

"Regard?" she broke out, hotly. "Never mention that word to me again. Never come in my sight—never presume to address me! I hate you!"

Her vehemence was something alarming. A rich color now blazed in either cheek and fire flashed from her eyes. Her tone expressed infinite contempt. She did not give me time to recover myself; she whisked through the nearest door. The moment it was closed between us I heard her burst into a passion of tears, on the other side.

Here was another mystery—this sudden change in my gentle Eloise. Sick and bewildered, I dragged my weary limbs out upon the verandah. The sound of voices reached me presently. I saw Guy and Mrs. Dacre walking along one of the paths of the rose garden. She had probably left the parlor by means of the low French window, in order to join him.

Oddly enough, despite the misery I was in, I remarkel that she still carried the velvet-bound prayer-book in one hand. Guy seemed to be pleading with her, while she woman-like, was putting him off with one pretext or another. I began to fear that the woman was a coquette at heart, notwithstanding her Madonna-like face.

I sat in the cool verandah for more than an hour. Guy and our pretty hostess came back at last, apparently on the best possible terms with each other. The frown was wholly gone from my brother's face, and he looked flushed and happy. She had evidently said or done something to encourage the poor fellow.

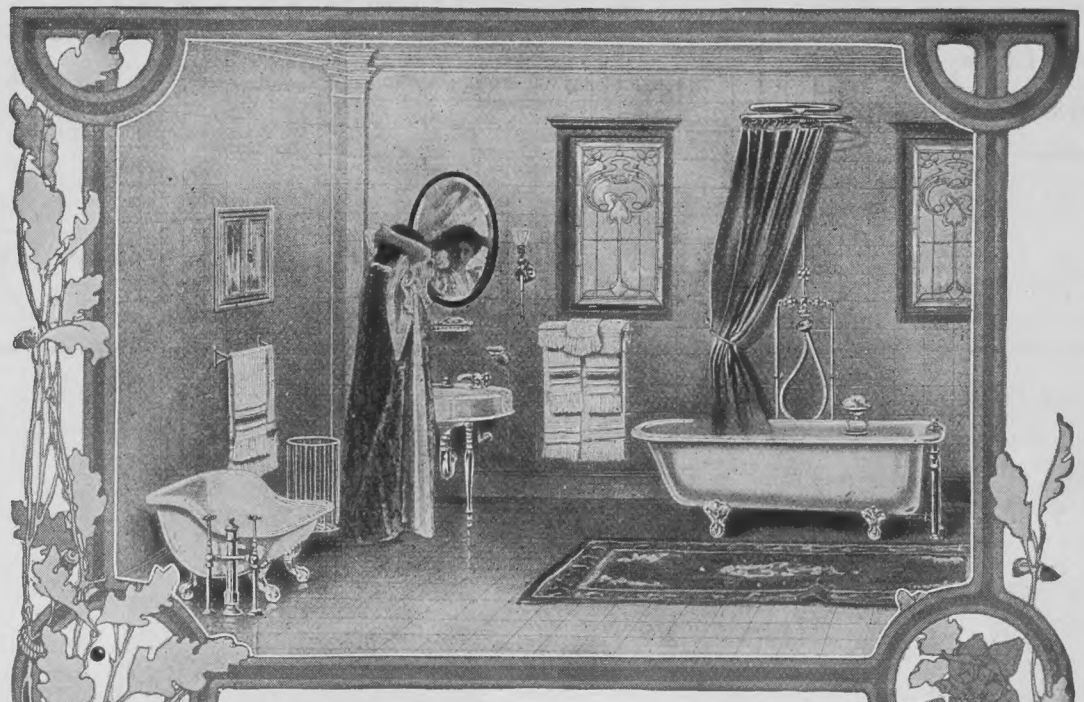
They passed into the house without having seen me in the shaded corner where I sat. I had risen to follow them, when two persons entered the room, near the open window of which I had been sitting. The next instant I stood transfixed to the spot, spellbound by the words that came to my ears.

"Uncle Richard"—the voice was Eloise's, though hardly a natural tone could be recognized—"Uncle Richard, the search for the topaz must be stopped! *Must* be, I say!"

Then Mr. Dacre replied:

"Are you crazy, Eloise? That jewel is worth a fabulous sum."

"I don't care. The quest must be



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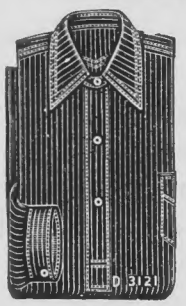

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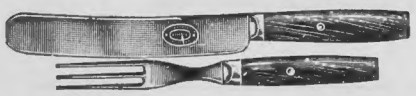

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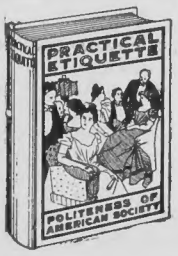

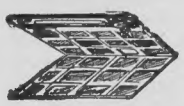

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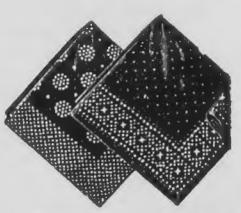

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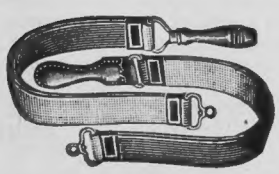

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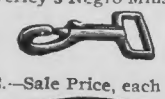

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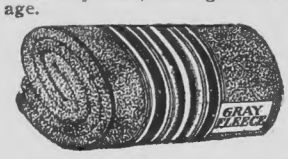

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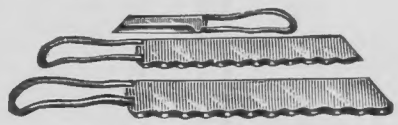

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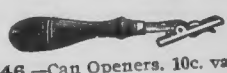

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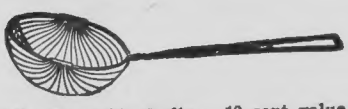

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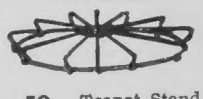

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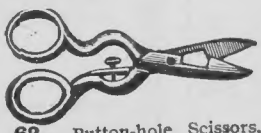

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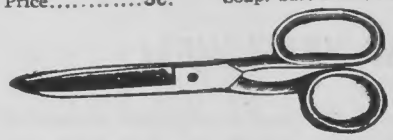

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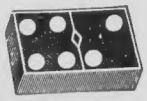

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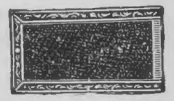

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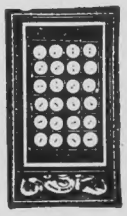

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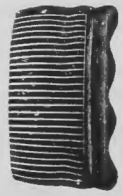

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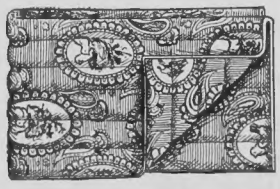

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given up, all the same. And be sure of one thing, Uncle Richard, that you send that man, Detective Saul, out of the house as soon as possible."

"Why?"

"He *may* make some discovery, otherwise, that had better not be brought to light."

Mr. Richard gave a grunt of amazement.

"I shall not give up my precious jewel just to gratify the foolish whim of a girl," he replied, half angrily.

"It is not that," she cried, vehemently. "Must I tell you?—oh, must I? It is such a terrible secret to reveal! You will keep it, Uncle Richard—keep it for my sake?"

She spoke in a wild, pleading way that absolutely took away my breath. Mr. Richard must have been affected by it, for he said, soothingly:

"Yes, yes, my child."

A quick cry escaped her lips.

"Remember, you have promised, and I shall not release you from that promise. Now, if I tell you who stole the topaz, will you give me your word of honor not to proceed publicly against that person?"

"Yes," he replied.

Evidently he did not believe she knew anything about it, and answered in that way merely to pacify her.

She hesitated a little, as if to gather resolution for what she had to say.

"In the first instance," she began at last, "you inteded to sleep with the topaz under your pillow last night?"

"I did."

"Who advised you differently?"

"Barton Devonshire."

"I thought so."

Something in her tone seemed to impress him.

"Why have you questioned me?" he asked.

"Listen," she cried, speaking sharp and quick. "Barton Devonshire had a purpose to serve in the advice he gave. *He* stole the topaz!"

I don't know who was most confounded by this revelation, Mr. Richard or myself. There was a deep silence that lasted several minutes. The blood ran cold in my veins. I could not have stirred from my tracks had my life been the forfeit. The bare idea that she should accuse me of the crime stupefied and stunned me.

Mr. Richard found voice at last.

"Impossible!" he gasped.

"Would to God it were!" she broke out, passionately. "But the proofs are convincing enough. I found him in the corridor last night, and his hand on the knob of the ante-room door. He seemed very much startled when I came upon him. This morning I discovered in front of his bedroom door a piece of sponge similar to that on your dressing-table, and betraying the same odor. *He* chloroformed you, and then secured the key to the escritoire.

She hesitated long enough to get breath. Then she went on again at the same rapid, excited tone:

"I would have kept the secret of his infamy if I could. I would even have spared him the humiliating knowledge that it was known to anybody but God and himself. Since that sharp-eyed detective has been introduced into the house, no choice is left me. If you hinder it Mr. Saul will get at the truth, and blazon it to the whole world. That must not be. You must spare Barton the disgrace. And, that you may spare him, I have told you what I know!"

She said no more. With the last word she must have hurried from the room in her feverishly impatient way, dragging Mr. Richard after her. With her voice no longer ringing in my ears, little by little my wonted coolness came back, one by one by senses slowly rallied from the shock of the revelation she had made. I leaped through the open window, eager to confront her, that I might boldly deny the accusation.

It was too late; the room was empty. I paused in the middle of the floor, staring about me stupidly. Of a sudden Detective Saul's words recurred to my mind. "Miss Dacre *may* fall to accusing somebody, openly or otherwise, before twenty-four hours have elapsed." He was a true prophet—she had accused *me*. But I could not and would not believe she had done it to screen herself.

Rallying from this thought, I moved to the door and opened it. A slight, graceful figure came flying along the hall—the figure of Mrs. Dacre. She still carried the prayer-book, as if it were something too precious to lay aside. She saw me and sprang forward with a stifled cry. The next instant she had thrown her jeweled hand over my shoulder and was sobbing like a child on my breast.

"Oh, Barton, Barton!" she moaned, "they are saying such dreadful things about you—Eloise and Richard! They don't know—but I heard it all. Eloise says—how can I tell you?—she says that *you* stole the topaz! But I will never believe it—never! Absurd! I would sooner think evil of anybody else. Barton, they may all turn against you—they may all set you down as vile and wicked, but I never will! I will still be your friend and comforter, if you will only let me."

All this was uttered between choking sobs that nearly took her breath away. Her evident distress touched me to the heart. Heavy foot-steps came striding along the hall. Before I could put her away Guy confronted us, his handsome face livid with passion.

"Traitress!" he hissed, "is this the way you keep your promises? Oh, my God, is there no honor about you—no sense of what is womanly and true?"

He fairly shook her, in his blind jealousy and rage. He held her off at arm's length, glowering at her with black brows. She cowered like a frightened child. The prayer-book which she had held securely enough up to this moment, slid from her grasp and fell to the floor. He moved forward a step or two, laughing madly, and deliberately crushed the costly trifle with his heel.

I shall never forget the change that came over her face at that moment. She grew ghastly pale, with a pallor that had something unearthly about it. Her eyes looked like those of a wild creature held at bay; they blazed with passion and fury and fear. She seemed all at once transformed into a beautiful fiend. She struggled and writhed in his embrace, shrieking for him to let her go, and stretching out her milky white hands imploringly.

"My book! my book! Give it to me!"

I sprang forward. The peculiar sound made by the crushing of the velvet cover of the prayer-book had not escaped my observation. A wild, improbable thought flashed upon my brain. Instead of resigning the shattered wreck to the struggling woman, I began to inspect it closely. It was as I had suspected—the covers were hollow, making convenient receptacles for any small article that was to be hidden away. Even as I looked, from some unexpected recess, a shining atom, fairly scintillant with light, rolled into my hand. The topaz—found at last! The haunting mystery made clear!

Mrs. Dacre knew from the stifled exclamation I gave, that all was discovered. From that moment she ceased to struggle, but lay very quietly in Guy's arms. Looking around, after watching her for a brief space in unfeigned bewilderment, I saw Mr. Richard and Eloise standing near, drawn thither by the unusual disturbance, no doubt. Mrs. Dacre beheld them at the same instant with myself. She lifted her graceful head.

"Aye, stare at me," she said, wearily, "for I am a thief. The topaz was so beautiful, and it meant money—such a fabulous sum! I couldn't resist the temptation, and I didn't try very hard. I thought *you* might like me a little better, Barton, if I were rich and courted. So it isn't altogether my fault that I have been so wicked. My husband should have left me more money—then I could have withstood the temptation. I know I have been weak and frivolous and vain, but it is too late to even feel sorry. But I have made a very proper confession of my guilt. Take me away, Guy."

She was irresistible even in her degradation. I began to comprehend her character, as I had never comprehended it before. Guy had stood rooted to the floor, swiftly passing changes whirling over his face. Now, he hesitated a little, drawing her more closely to his heart at last. Giving me a look of blended entreaty and despair,

he quitted the apartment, bearing the wretched woman in his arms.

The scene had unnerved me. I sank into a chair the moment they were gone. I heard the soft rustling of silk close beside me, but did not look up. A tiny hand was pushed into mine; presently—

"Barton," whispered a voice that thrilled me as none other had the power to do, "I thought you stole the topaz. Can you ever forgive me for the unjust suspicion?"

Eloise was on the floor at my feet, sobbing pitifully. I stooped and kissed her.

"My darling!" was all that I could say.

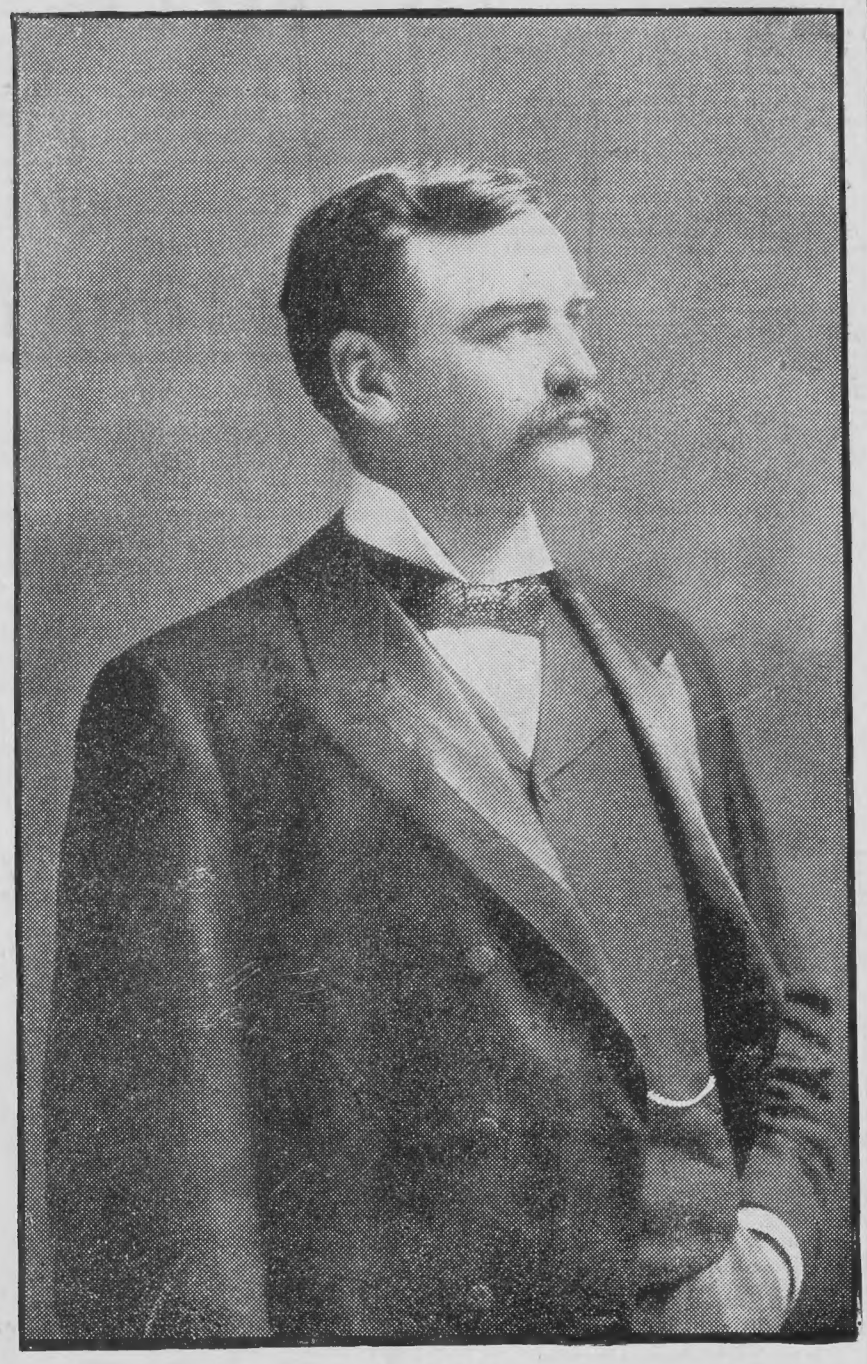
While she clung to me, I thought that not for a thousand topazes would I pass through such another experience as the last twenty-four hours had held.

Mrs. Dacre was not seen by any of us again that night. When the next morning dawned, we found that she had fled, and that Guy had gone with her. Later in the day, a letter was put into my hands. Here are the closing lines:

"I firmly believe, dear Barton, that Clarice has been more weak than culpable, and—I love her! She clings to me like a child who has nobody else to right its wrongs. I shall make her my wife. She will get over her *penchant* for you, by-and-by, and be all that heart could wish. We shall never come back to Fair Oaks. Tell Mr. Richard so; and tell him, for his dead brother's sake, he must not seek to punish a woman who is punished sufficiently already. May God bless and prosper you, my brother, whether we meet again on this earth or not.

Guy Devonshire."

Could he be happy with a woman who had deliberately imposed upon us all to the very last? Perhaps God had wrought a change in her heart, after all. I hoped it might be so.



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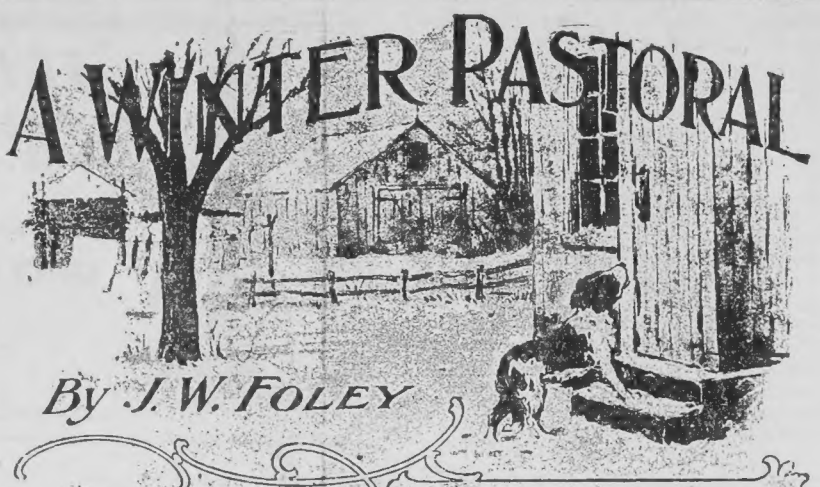

By J. W. FOLEY

THE frost gleams thick on the window-pane,
The cart-wheels creak down the frozen lane;
High from the chimneys, everywhere
Rise threads of smoke to the biting air;
The barn-door creaks with a plaintive twinge
Where the glistening frost tints the rusted hinge.

The old pump cries;—a shivering cry;
While "Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!" tramp the horses by.
The chore-boy shivers as he stands
And beats his sides with his mittened hands
While the ice forms thick on the old pump spout,
As the glistening water gushes out.

There's hoar-frost deep on the great ox-yoke,
And the breath of the oxen comes like smoke;
The clothes hang stiff on the swaying line
And the house-dog stands with a piteous whine
At the closed storm-door; and the milk-cows wait
With huddled bulks at the barn-yard gate.

The prying youngster, unafraid,
Dares tip his tongue to the frosted blade
Of the axe that lies at the chopping-block;
The erstwhile strut of the barn-yard cock
Is only a stiff and stilted round
As he picks his toes from the frozen ground.

There's snow inch-deep where the cows once browsed,
There's frost, nail-thick, on the beasts unhoused.
The chore-boy stamps in the drifted snows
To coax the warmth to his tingling toes,
As he drives his fork in the sodden hay,
And the day is gray in a gloomy way

There's a "Crunch!" and "Crunch!" as footsteps stalk
Down the sounding length of the pine boardwalk.
The well wheel squeaks with a frosty note,
And the well rope's stiff with an icy coat;
The gathered oxen drink their fill
With updrawn backs, and a shiver chill.

The shed-door creaks with a shivering sound,
As the soap-suds splash on the frozen ground
Where a pail from the half-bared arms is swung
Of the kitchen-maid who gives quick tongue
In a treble "B-r-r-r-h-h!" and a grateful change
Soon finds at the glow of the kitchen range.

The chore-boy beds his beasts; and then
Shoos back to its perch a vagrant hen;
The sodden snow from his feet he knocks
Ere he piles the depths of the great wood-box
With snowy sticks; and when 'tis laid
He steals a kiss from the kitchen maid.

The fields are white and the earth is dead,
The frost snaps time to the chore-boy's tread,
Stands thick, like snow, on the window-pane,
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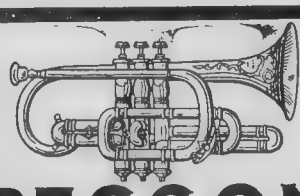

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There is a form of mental disease which may be designated as introspection. The mind is turned in upon itself, or at the best, toward the body. Now, neither the mind nor body was ever intended to be an object of worship or constant study. The external world and all that is in it were intended for thought and contemplation. There are many whose minds have dwelt so much upon their bodies that they imagine diseases of one kind or another are always present. In some instances this morbidness leads directly to the acquisition of certain forms of illness. Let the mind be directed upon the world of people and interests outside of self, and there will be a healthier and more normal activity of all the functions than if we constantly study our shortcomings, either real or fancied. And it is only by taking a cheerful and contented view of the world around that we can acquire and maintain that beauty of face and expression which is the indelible mark of self-control and education.

Looking on the Bright Side.

The habit of looking on the bright side of life is contagious, and it cannot long be resisted by an individual thrown into daily contact with it. And cheerfulness, hopefulness and happiness are habits that can be formed and grafted upon our lives so that it is impossible to break them. The old saying that we are creatures of habit would have the most beneficial effect in life if we would but take it in its broadest sense and appreciate the fact that it is just as easy to cultivate cheerful habits as it is to drift into complaining, worrying and disagreeable ones. Some do not drift into the latter, either, so much as they actually cultivate them. They seem to take delight in nursing their griefs, sorrows, disappointments and failures, and day by day they think of them until they become pet hobbies. It is no wonder that they have a narrow and hopeless outlook on life, and that the very atmosphere in which they live is charged with pessimism and despondency.

Probably woman needs the proper mental and physical balance more than man because of her influence in the home aad society. Her mission in life of bringing comfort, cheer and happiness into the homes and lives of all requires that she should have a clear and unbiased view of things. To do this, her mind and body must be well balanced. Good health is essential to her peace of mind and a cheerful spirit, and a hopeful, encouraging and happy personality makes for good health. The two are interwoven, and they cannot be separated.

How to Conquer Gloom.

It is by recognizing the cause of a disease or trouble that our minds are set at ease. Until we are assured that a fever is simply an ordinary intermittent one, without any dangerous consequences, we worry and conjure up in the mind nightmares that may never exist for us. So with our moments of gloom and depression. If we can ascertain the cause we may laugh at our forebodings, and return to our duties with new zeal and hopefulness. Let it be taken as a safe rule that when depression overtakes us, there is some physical or mental cause for it that can not only be ascertained, but cured. In this way we can bring peace to our minds, and avoid those unpleasant moods which may not only grow upon us, but affect others in the home.

Winter Bells.

When Winter wraps the world in white,
And silent lie the snowy dells,
'Tis sweet to hear amid the night
The cadence of the fairy bells;
They seem to set the winds astir
With eerie music soft and low,
And gently shake the modest fir
Clad in its garb of spotless snow.

They tinkle 'neath the watchful stars,
Whose beams upon the whiteness fall.
And as they near the meadow bars
What recollections they recall!
The trysting tree which Summer knows,
And clothes in hues of living green,
Stands out against the sky and throws
Its lordly shadow o'er the scene.

O Winter bells that tell of mirth!
Thy music fills the heart with joy
And makes a paradise of earth—
A lovers' year without alloy;
Across the fields there seems to come
The music which of pleasure tells,
And every hearth and every home
Rejoices at the winter bells.

I hear them echo where the snow
Lies softly on the frozen ground,
And where December's winds are low
I list to catch their merry sound;
A maiden at the lattice waits,
For swiftly through the moonlit dells,
Toward her heart's wide-open gates,
A lover rides behind the bells.

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Behold, the hills are banked with pearl and paved with opal white;
Their glinting mist the north wind hurls to shut the moon from view,
And heaven's stars look cold and keen as drops of icy dew.

But back, behind the arctic scenes and frosty sights you bring,
We know you've snugly packed away the story of the spring,
With illustrations, fine and sweet, of maiden-fern and vine,
And delicate engraving of the coral columbine.

And, still a little farther on, a tale of splendid lore—
The volume of the summer will reveal its luscious store;
A vineyard's royal purple here, and there an orchard's red,
And, on the slope, a clover-field with tangled pink o'erspread

The poetry of autumn-time—how well we know its sway;
We trust you've not forgotten it, nor lost it by the way;
Its crimson and its amber and its dreamy neutral hues—
Its very clouds we could not spare; its rains we would not loste.

Good greeting to you, stranger-friend, we'll sorrow when, at last,
The final scene is ended and the wintry clasp made fast.
We'll fare with you the twelve-month long, and when the time is here
That we must say Good-bye to you, we'll say it with a tear.

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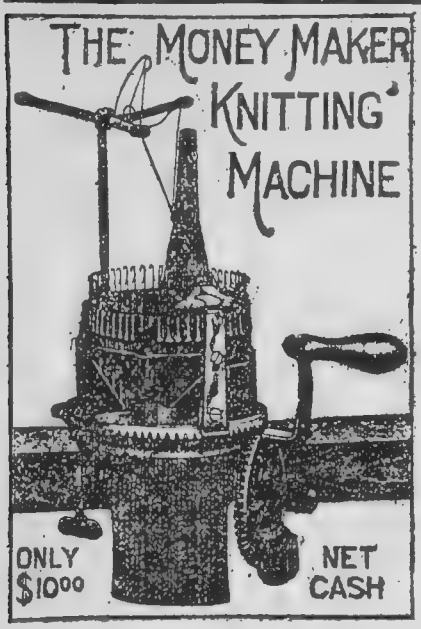

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An Irish Girl's Revenge.

A Canadian Associated Press despatch says Sir Wilfrid Laurier has sent the following message to the new Salvation Army Emigration Gazette: "We are well pleased with the settlers you have sent out. Send us more. and send some English and Scotch lassies for the Northwest."

I'm sitting on the stile, Wilfrid,
Where you thought that I might stay
When you cabled home for lassies
'Cross the sea just yesterday:
"Send Scotch and English lassies,
Who our broad Northwest may roam,"
And you told us by your silence
"Irish girls may stay at home."

With Fitzpatrick at your elbow
You'd never have been so mean;
Sure Charlie knows the value
Of a true, blue-eyed colleen.
And throughout the broad Dominion
You have roused the Irishmen,
Who for you will not be cheerin'
When elections come again.

Peter Ryan has lost his temper,
And Champlain street is wild,
And you've filled with thoughts rebellious
Father Minehan, so mild;
Griffintown is full of anger,
South Toronto's full of strife,
And in Winnipeg out yonder,
Tommy Deegan whets his knife.

O, we're comin' proud, Sir Wilfrid!
You may take this word as true,
And in this ship that brings us
There'll be trouble brought for you.
We sent France brave McMahon,
An' we wept for Bonaparte.
But now look out for trouble,
Proud Sir Wilfrid Stonyheart.

—Toronto News.

The discussion among readers of the Western Home Monthly on the matrimonial question shows no sign of abatement. We exchanged more letters desiring acquaintance last month than during any month previous. If we can be of any service to our readers, or, in fact, the people of the West, we are at their service so far as introducing them to each other through the exchange of letters. Send along your letters; we will treat them as you tell us to do, and your confidence in us will not be abused.

All letters must be signed and must give the P. O. address of the writer as well.

Hope He Isn't a Mormon?

Youngstown, Alta.

Editor,—Please forward the enclosed letters to "Jane Eyre," Ontario; "Red River Girl," Winnipeg; "A Maiden in Waiting," Medicine Hat; "Brunette," Virden; "Handsome Kate," Moose Jaw, and "Scotch Lassie," Carberry. If through your paper one bachelor or maiden is made happy, your paper will be doing good work.

"Personal."

Has Good Property and Good Home.

Stavely, Alta., Oct. 29, 1906.

Editor,—Having been informed that you have the names of a number of girls who wish to find homes for themselves, and being in need of a good housekeeper myself, I thought I would write and ask your help on my behalf. If you can send me the names and addresses of any girls you will do me a very great favor. I am well fixed, having good property and a good home.—Yours truly, "Tommy."

"Foxy" Wants to Get Acquainted.

Roblin, Man., Nov. 14, 1906.

Editor,—As I am a regular reader of your valuable paper, especially the correspondence part, I thought I would ask for the address of a few writers of these interesting letters. I am a young bachelor, living five miles from town in the north-western part of Manitoba. This is quite a new settlement, but there are a great many people here.

I am 30 years of age, 5 feet tall, weigh 155 pounds, have dark hair and blue-grey eyes. I am a thorough temperance man and do not smoke.

I came from Ontario six years ago, and now have the patent for my homestead. I have a crop of 60 acres and all the necessary farming implements.

Send me the addresses of any girls likely to suit me and greatly oblige.—Yours truly "Foxy."

Wants to Meet a "Good" Man.

Weyburn, Sask., Nov. 17, 1906.

Editor,—I have just seen your paper, and certainly think it is far and away the best ever published in America.

I am an English girl, and have been in Canada just over a year. I have two brothers who have been out here three years and we all like Canada immensely. I have been working with friends on a farm, and it has occurred to me that I would be much happier if I had a home of my own. If I could meet a good man—one who would be a good husband, refined and educated—I should be much happier than working for other people. I am a good housekeeper, and prefer country to town life. I have met many men here, but not one whom I would care to marry.

I am an honest woman, and should you find me a correspondent would require him to be the same.

"Saucy Kate."

Says he's a Model Young Man.

Stratton, Ont., Nov. 14, 1906.

Editor,—I have been getting your paper and think it such a good one that I enclose money for a year's subscription herewith. I am a model young man in every way and never do anything wrong. I do not use tobacco or cigarettes. I am 22 years of age and as there are very few girls here, I would like to correspond with some young lady to pass the time away.—Yours truly, "Peter."

Girls are all the same.

Teulon, Man., Nov. 1, 1906.

Editor,—I am a great admirer of your paper, particularly the correspondence columns. I think the female from Saskatoon might have asked herself what was the cause of two-thirds of the young fellows taking to drink. It is through girls making love to a poor fellow when there is nobody else there, and then when someone comes along in a new pair of boots and a starched collar, they politely walk off with the newcomer. All that the girls in this country seem to think about is a horse and buggy to drive about in, and fellows are silly enough not to see it.

I have been deceived that way myself, but did not take to drink and tobacco.

I get my own meals and live with a few who have been treated in the same cruel way. I never see a girl's face from month's end to month's end, and never want to, as they are all the same. "Limber Jim."

Has Good Opinion of Himself.

Strome, Alta., Nov. 27, 1906.

Editor,—In looking through the correspondence columns of your excellent magazine, I did not see any letters from this part of Alberta.

I am a bachelor, living in the famous Kentucky blue grass region. There are many other bachelors like myself living in this district who would marry if they got the chance. The bachelors in the Northwest are far superior to any other bachelors, as they are all young men and never had the chance of marrying. I am 23 years of age and live on my own farm. I never drink nor smoke. If anyone wishes to correspond with me, you can send them my address. "Adolphe."

Praise from a Reader.

Crossfield, Alta., Oct. 31, 1906.

Editor,—I am a subscriber to your valuable magazine and take pleasure in commending it for its select reading and lofty ideals. I find much interest in your correspondence columns, and since the generous ladies (Bless their hearts!) are so willing to help the lonely bachelors in their quiet, secluded lives by entering into correspondence with them as a means of opening a way for more tangible friendship and possibly to something more real. Will you kindly send enclosed letters to "Maiden Fair," "Farmer's Daughter" and "Western Woman"?

Wishing you and the Western Home Monthly all success in their good work.

"Alberta Back."

"Bobby Wants a Wife."

Brandon, Man., Nov. 29, 1906.

Editor,—After careful consideration of the announcement in your paper, I beg to reply to it. I should very much like to correspond with "Lady Fair" and give her the home which she requires, for I am sure I should be a faithful husband. I am 24 years of age, and have a three-quarter-section farm. I am a Sunday school teacher at our school and live at Chater, which is about three miles from Brandon. I have a nice house all ready for a good young woman.

Please let me have the address of "Maiden Fair," so that I can correspond with her personally.

"Bobby."

Birdie Has the Goods.

Carberry, Man., Nov. 17, 1906.

Editor,—I am 23 years of age, a good-tempered, happy young lady, and would willingly share a humble home as a model wife for the model young man who signs his name "Vacuum." I want a husband who neither drinks nor smokes. I don't want a man who is all dressed up, but a good, honest farmer with a view to matrimony.

"Birdie."

Can Furnish References.

Moose Jaw, Dec. 19, 1906.

Editor,—I would like to correspond and exchange photos with a good, sensible girl—one who is a good housekeeper and who would appreciate a good home. Can you assist me? Am a Protestant and a member of the A. F. A. M. and R. T. T. Highest references given. Your "Monthly" is hard to beat.

"Hopeful."

Ready to do Business.

Elkhorn, Man., Dec. 1, 1906.

Editor,—You may send my name and address to "Anxious," who is looking for a housekeeper, at Moose Jaw, and also to "Roamer" for correspondence. A really worthy bachelor and good would not be altogether undesirable to me. "Where Duty Lies."

Looking for a Hubby.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Nov. 14, 1906.

Editor,—Kindly introduce me to "Rancher" from Lacombe, Alta., who wishes to correspond with a marriageable widow. I am a girl of 24 and have an extensive business in millinery and dressmaking. I am too busy to get out to meet any young men, so use these means of getting acquainted. I am a farmer's daughter, German and a Roman Catholic, and can adapt myself to all circumstances.

"Anheuser Busch."

When Will Two Christians Meet?

Yellow Grass, Sask., Nov. 27, 1906.

Editor,—I have been reading your correspondence columns with great interest, and would like to get acquainted with a young female who is willing to do some farming. She must be a true Christian in every respect. I myself am an excellent Christian young man and have a three-quarter-section of land, besides horses and cattle. I would like to get acquainted with a good Christian young lady with a view to matrimony in the near future. I am a total abstainer and am never naughty.

"Looking for a Partner."

"Monthly" Popular at Moose Jaw.

Moosomin, Sask., Nov. 14, 1906.

Editor,—I think your magazine is more interesting than ever and it is very popular here. On the day the Western Home Monthly arrives there is always a tremendous crowd of persons at the post office waiting for it.

"Robert."

Wants us to Introduce Him."

Moosomin, Nov. 11, 1906.

Editor,—Your magazine becomes more interesting every month. "Home Lover" has a well-equipped idea of what he wants, or rather of what he expects. Before he gets the sort of girl he is looking for it is just possible that he may have to wait a while. I may say that I have a well-equipped half-section of land, but as for wanting a wife to feed chickens, calves, pigs and poultry and milk five cows, I pass. You can introduce me to some of your lady readers, if you feel so inclined.

"Bachelor Farmer No. 7."

She Likes the Rancher.

Lethbridge, Nov. 2, 1906.

Editor,—I've just finished reading a copy of your March number. In it are a number of letters from bachelors, some of which are sensible; others seemed to want a slave rather than a wife. Many women are not strong enough to stand the grind of heavy ranch work when unable to hire help. However, a girl who really cares for a man is quite willing to share some of his hardships with him. They are mistaken when they say all girls prefer to marry a "clerk" to a rancher. Most of us prefer to marry a man of integrity, refinement and intelligence, regardless of his vocation, and all the above qualities may be found in a rancher as well as the business or professional man. "Julius."

School "Mam's" Not Wanted.

Alameda, Sask., Nov. 13, 1906.

Editor,—Your magazine is the most interesting I take, especially the correspondence. I am a school trustee, and find many lady teachers turn down our young man farmers. True, there may be some teachers who make good wives, but as education appears to unfit them for work on a farm, the farmer is lucky to miss the school "mam." The ideal marriageable girl of to-day asked for by bachelors in your paper is a mightily scarce article. I am still on the hunt, and so far I have not located the goods.

"Observer."

A Chance for "Spinster."

Sintaluta, Nov. 22, 1906.

Editor, I am an interested reader of your beautiful magazine, and I read the correspondence pages every month. I think that young fellow who signed himself "Home Lover" in a previous number wants a slave, and not a wife. I advise him to get a chore boy to do his chores for him. Most of the bachelors seem to want a wife who is good to work, but I would rather love one for company, one who could play the piano, etc. I would like to correspond with "Spinster, Age 19," if she would write me first. "Joe."

Willing to Pay.

Saskatoon, Nov. 19, 1906.

Editor,—Enclosed find my subscription to your magazine to pay for another year. I have been an interested reader of your magazine, and especially of the correspondence page. I would like to get the address of the girl who wrote from Edmonton, Jan. 16, 1906, named "Maiden Fair." I am a young man of 27 years of age, and have a good homestead and plenty of horses and stock. I have no bad habits, and could make home happy for a lady partner. Send me address of lady who signs herself "Helping Hand," of Wetaskawin, Alta., Jan. 22, 1906. I am satisfied to pay you well for your trouble if you just put me in touch with the right kind of girls.

"Young Bachelor No. 10."

"Dutchy" Wants "Old Maid."

Morningside, Alta., Nov., 1906.

Editor,—Send me the address of the "Old Maid" from Saskatoon, who wrote in your April number. "Dutchy."

A God-Fearing Bachelor.

Editor,—I read your correspondence columns every month. I am one of the many lonely bachelors who live in the West. I am a God-fearing, respectable bachelor farmer. I herewith enclose a letter to be forwarded to "Maiden Fair."

"Hopeful."

"Blue Bell" Defends Male Sex.

Alberta, Nov. 23, 1906.

Editor,—Having read with interest the correspondence column of your excellent magazine, I beg to differ with "Young Woman's" opinion of bachelors of the West (principally those living in the country). They are, I think, generally speaking, hard-working, respectable young men, many of whom have left good homes and relatives to make a home for themselves and get on in the world. Many are capable of taking prominent positions in our country, but prefer the pure air of the rolling prairies and to be tillers of the soil, rather than live in the smoke and grime of our Eastern or Old Country cities. There are exceptions to every rule, and I doubt not there are a few seedy, chronic, pokey, old-way-backs; but can not this be greatly overlooked in consideration of many of them having to live alone for a number of years, getting their own meals—and what man does not hate that—often far from even a neighbor, and with no loved one to help smooth the way or have an occasional tiff with. As to drunken farmers, are not a great many of them too distant from town to indulge often, even if so inclined? I admire "Roamer's" sentiments in regard to women in the political field. Woman appears to the best advantage in her own home, and who does not prefer a womanly to a mannish woman?

"Blue Bell."

Wants a Good Looker.

Radisson, Sask., Nov. 22, 1906.

Editor,—I am very much interested in your magazine and I read the correspondence pages. I am a bachelor farmer, with a good home to offer to the right girl. There are lots of bachelors around here, but they are not of the seedy kind. Send me the names of some good lookers.

"Young Bachelor No. 15."

Pete is Pleased.

Carstairs, Alta., Nov. 19, 1906.

Editor,—I am a reader of your valuable monthly, and prize it very much. I consider you are doing a great good in helping the single men of this country to get a helpmate. If you would be kind enough to send me the address of some of your lady readers you would confer a favor on "Pete Peter."

Wants the Best.

Saskatchewan, Nov. 22, 1906.

Editor,—I am greatly interested in the correspondence page conducted by your readers. I desire to meet a young lady between 25 and 30 years of age, Protestant and English speaking. So long as she possesses a good temper, is sympathetic and womanly and a lover of the country, that is all I ask. I can give the right one a good home. Can you introduce me to some of the good people? I will answer any letters promptly. I do not consider myself of the chronic, seedy stuff.

"Englishman No. 12."

Looking for a Swell Fellow.

Wishard, Sask., Nov. 19, 1906.

Editor,—I have taken your magazine for two years, and I like it very much. I think every number is better than the one before. Would you please let me know if I could manage to get the name of some swell fellow."

"Lulu."

"Saundy" Gets Sentimental.

Millet, Alta., Nov. 19, 1906.

Editor,—I am sending you a couple of letters, one for "Highland Lassie," the other for "Scotch Girl." Please forward.

"Saundy."

Wants the Girl to Write First.

Swan River, Nov. 21, 1906.

Editor,—I am a farmer's son, and I would like to correspond with some one who would like to write first. I would like a lady correspondent, as the girls are scarce in Swan River. I have a good quarter-section in sight, and would like a lady partner to go on it with me. We have a three-quarter section here, and it is worth nine thousand dollars. I read a letter in your magazine that was hard on smokers; I can't see any great harm in smoking. I don't believe that a woman should be expected to go out in the field and help. She has enough to do if she will attend to her house work properly. I don't agree that women should mix up with politcs and have a vote, as I think that the men folks can attend to that all right. I would like to hear from some young woman. Wishing your magazine success, I remain,

"Young Jim."

One for "Highland Lassie."

Davidson, Nov. 28, 1906.

Editor,—Send my address to "Highland Lassie." I have 320 acres 2½ miles from town. I am 26 years old, a Presbyterian, and was manager of an elevator in town this winter. A Canadian by birth.

"David."

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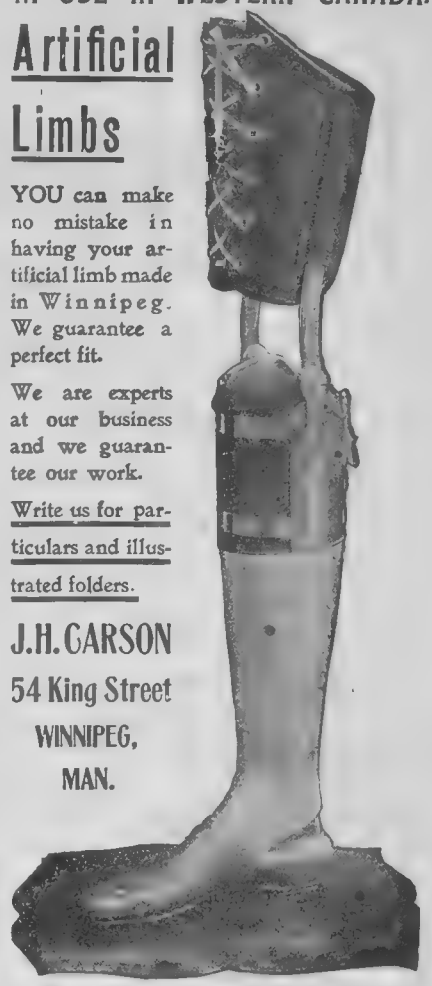

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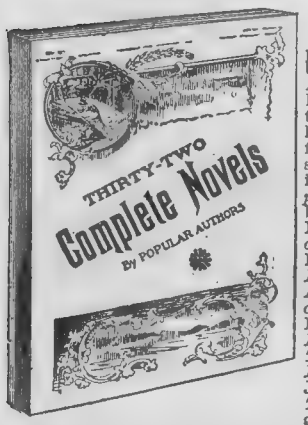

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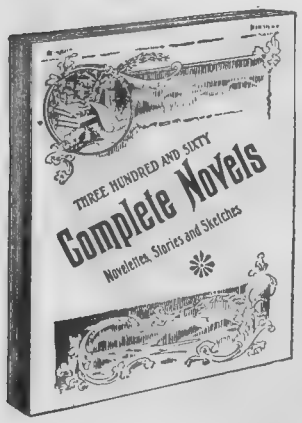

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"Prairie Queen" has her say.

Yorkton, Nov. 21, 1906.

Editor,—I will join your correspondence circle, if there is room for one more. I am a girl who was raised on a Western ranch. I keep house for my brothers, and through haying I drive the mower and feel as good as if I was riding in a top buggy. Notwithstanding that I help my brothers outside, my house is as tidy and clean as that of any other woman's house in this country. I have my say in political matters and am listened to, although I have no vote. I am sore on a correspondent who signed himself "Roamer," and I would not take a place in his house on any account.

"Prairie Queen."

Praises the Rancher.

Weyburn, Sask., Nov. 18, 1906.

Editor,—I am a horse dealer, continually on the go, and have no "home, sweet home" in this country. Nevertheless I see your magazine in almost every house I enter, and am always an eager and interested reader of it. In your April number a girl from Toronto wrote and signed herself "A City Girl." If she wants to come West, I would correspond with her at once. "Spinster, Aged 19" knows the farmer miser when she sees him, and what she says about some of the farmers making slaves of their wives is absolutely correct. I know a man in this country who married a squaw, who filled the bill O. K., but when any of his aristocratic friends from town would visit him he would hide his squaw in the foothills and keep her there during their stay. Girls, be partial to bachelors, for I know most of them are O. K. I have told ranchers how the farmer in Manitoba would make his wife work, and they always to me expressed their strong disapproval. The men assist the women in the housework on the ranches. The rancher's wife has a much better time than the sister who marries a farmer.

"Cow Boy."

"Big Mac" on the Warpath.

Editor,—That Crystal City girl writing in your April number writes a mighty nice letter and I want to know her. Send me her name, please.

"Big Mac."

"Western Bach" Gets in Line.

Staveley, Alta., Nov. 26, 1906.

Editor,—I came across a copy of your April number, and reading the correspondence page furnished me much pleasure. I am much taken up with the letter from "Canadian Girl" of Calgary. I think her views are about right. I think some husbands expect too much from their wives. I would not want a woman to milk cows, or feed pigs and calves. When a woman does the cooking and housework and does it right, she has enough to do. I am fairly well fixed, not worth a million, and am ready to take a lady partner. I am sure that she will find a good home with me, and that she will not be asked to do any outside work. "Home Lover" expects too much, and if the girls think as I do after reading his letter he will be a "bach" for some years to come. Send that girl's address who writes from Calgary, signed "Canadian Girl," and oblige

"Western Bach."

"Handy Andy" Gets Busy.

Deleau. Nov. 19, 1906.

Editor,—I see that some young ladies would like to correspond with a bachelor farmer. I am a bachelor farmer, and own a half-section, with stock and implements. I have a good home for some young lady. A Canadian by birth, I am 32 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weigh 160 lbs.; complexion light.

"Handy Andy."

Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 19, 1906.

Editor,—Introduce me, please, to the "Young Lady of Portage la Prairie," who advertized for a husband in the Western Home Monthly. I am in hunt of a good wife. Enclosed you will find a stamp; please send me her name. I am a young man, 25 years of age, height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 170 lbs.

"Gloomy Gus."

"Let us Unite in Prayer."

Moose Jaw, Sask.

Editor,—I have been greatly interested week after week by reading the columns of the Western Home Monthly and considering the different views. One letter especially attracted my attention, that signed "Disgusted." Well done, young man, stick to your idea; it is a correct one. The union of two souls is far too important a matter to become merely a business transaction. When we consider that this is an indissoluble bond, severed only by the death of one of the contracting parties, unless, indeed, we borrow from our Dakota cousins and marry with the Divorce Court in view. God forbid that Canada should ever nurture on her peaceful bosom such a venom. Let us beware. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Being brought into daily contact with people whose training and politics savor of such, it behoves us to be very, very careful. "Disgusted" says "we are wary creatures." We are, forsooth, and not as wary as is needful many a time. Methinks if he came in contact with the numerous human sharks, who are stalking up and down the country "seeking whom they can devour," he would not wonder we are such wary creatures. Ninety-nine per cent of the gentler sex are good, pure and true, and the stranded one per cent are there, I can safely say, through man's instrumentality. No woman, however, should offer any excuse for matrimony but that of love. Love, and love only, would induce any person of good common-sense to take upon themselves the awful vows of matrimony, "until death do us part," united for life, for a home, a protector or provider. Alas, how awful the mistake. The folly is too great for words. Life-long misery is surely the result of such unions. I think I am safe in remarking that ninety-nine per cent of the women who marry, marry for love and love only. Men are of a more mercenary nature. With man, love is an episode; with woman, the crowning joy and happiness of her life is to love and be loved. On the other hand, ninety-nine per cent of the young men one meets with nowadays are unfit companions for any honorable woman. A man who is immoral, who swears, smokes, chews tobacco, drinks liquor, is a moral degenerate, nothing more or less, unfit company for a swine-herd, much less a partner of a woman's joys and sorrows. Let young women remember "We do not gather grapes of thorns." The seeds they have sown in their youth they are going to reap in after-life. If any woman desires to marry a reformed degenerate, well, let her do so knowingly, remembering she is to assist him reap his wild oats. Union with such men is not worth the name of matrimony. It is bondage. The weak, immoral youth is the father of the coming criminal. I am one-sided, some one will say. We respect them that respect themselves. I hear some man say, "Ah, yes, you are compelled to do so." But have you forgotten that you men are the natural protectors of women? Let me say in conclusion, I am not a man-hater, or a disappointed old maid. I am an ardent admirer of the sterner sex, when they appear as "men"—true, manly, noble, chivalrous and honest; not of the lower type who are seeking a woman in and through the mail bag. Young women, I say, beware. The upright, manly fellow, worthy of your love, is not searching up and down the land, seeking whom he can devour; he is patiently awaiting the appearance of his ideal. So have patience. Such a man is worth waiting for and worth marrying, were he penniless, cripple or blind.

"Woman's Friend."

Benson, Sask.

Editor,—Please kindly forward enclosed letter to "Jane Eyre." Her letter appeared in May number.

"Ensign."

Rossendale, Man.

Editor,—Enclosed I am sending a stamped letter, which I would be pleased if you would address and forward to the young lady who signs herself as "Jane Eyre," Ontario, in the May issue of your paper.

Alberta.

Editor,—Please forward the enclosed letter to "Handsome Kate," Moose Jaw, Sask., and oblige, J. F.

Fort Pelley, Sask.

Editor,—I am greatly interested in your Correspondence Column. Would you please forward these letters—one to "Jane Eyre," of Old Ontario, and the other to "Widow," of Grand View, and oblige.

"Plainsman."

Can't Do It.

Eric, B. C., 1906.

Editor,—Send me the name of Crystal City girl, "One Who Pities the Bachelor." Please don't publish my name.

Leduc, Alta.

Editor,—Please send me the address of "A Jolly Girl," whose letter appeared in the May number of your splendid magazine, and oblige

"A German."

Wants Widow No. 2.

Domremy, Sask.

Editor,—You will do me a great favor by putting me in correspondence with the lady from Moose Jaw, who signs herself "Widow No. 2," as I want a good wife, not as some of the writers who want a model wife. I want a real wife, not a mere model, nor a chore boy. I want one that is willing to go on a homestead, in a good home, in the Saskatchewan Valley. If you will do me this great favor, I will be ever indebted to you.

"Lonely Bachelor."

Sorry We Can't Oblige.

De Winton, Alta.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly send address of the lady who signs herself "A Jolly Girl"? "Mac."

He's After Maiden in Waiting.

O—— R—— Man.

Editor,—I am a constant reader of your valuable paper, and think most of the letters are good. Please give my name and address to "A Maiden in Waiting," as I would like to correspond with her. I am 21 years of age, a bachelor, and have a good home. I do not drink or use tobacco. Kindly do me this favor and oblige,

"Handsome Jack."

Jane Eyre Still Popular.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

Editor,—Will you kindly forward enclosed letter to the English Girl, who signs herself "Jane Eyre," as I should very much like to correspond with her. It was in the May number of your vaulable paper that her letter appeared. —Yours truly, "H. G."

Canadian Son Wants to Marry.

Regina, Sask.

Editor,—I read a letter in the Western Home Monthly from a widow at Grand View, who wants to get married again, or might keep house for some respectable bachelor. I am a bachelor. Would you kindly forward enclosed letter to her? If you have any fair correspondents, I would like to exchange letters with a few of them with a view to matrimony.

"Canadian Son."

Doesn't Like Milking Cows in the Rain.

Alberta.

Editor,—It is with great pleasure and interest I read the Correspondence Columns, and I must say I am convinced some bachelors expect more than their "rightful share." I agree with "Manitoba Spinster" that milking cows, feeding pigs, and such work, is truly man's work, and, indeed, the "Merry Milkmaid" he speaks of is an entirely different picture some days. Days that the clouds hang low, and at intervals the rain comes down in torrents; also many other disagreeable experiences in milking cows. Now, I think a bachelor wants some kind-hearted miss to be his wife, share with him the good and the bad, and make him and his lot more bright and happy. He should not expect her to do all the housework and half of his outdoor chores also. Oh no; I cannot see how "Lauder Man" would expect his wife to do all detailed her, and yet have spare time to play the piano and go to town. I do not wish to say anything against the bachelors, as I am a marriageable bachelor and wish to correspond with some young ladies.

"Sunny Alberta Boy."

Carry's Husband must be Model.

Editor,—I am a young lady, twenty-one years of age. I am an orphan and yet I have always been used to a good home. I am considered good looking, with dark hair and brown eyes. I am rather tall, and consequently want a tall husband. He must be good looking, fair preferred. He must not drink, smoke, chew or swear. I am well-educated, and can play the piano or organ, paint and sew a little. If I am to be the wife of a farmer, he must not expect me to feed the pigs, milk the cows, nor stay at home seven days out of the week. He must not grumble if his dinner is burnt or late on wash days. I must have a drive every alternate afternoon. I have heard both good and bad reports of the Western farmers and do not know which to believe. I will exchange photos with any young man.

"Carry."

Eagleton, Man.

Editor,—Enclosed you will find two letters, one for "Jane Eyre" and one for "Red River Girl." Kindly forward same and oblige, yours truly,

"H. B."

Valparaiso.

Editor,—Please forward enclosed letter to "Widow," Grand View, and oblige, yours truly,

"Sam."

Regina Sask.

Editor,—Please forward the enclosed letter to the lady from Moose Jaw, who signs herself "Handsome Kate," whose letter appeared in the May issue of your paper.—Yours truly,

"N. S. D."

Portage la Prairie, Man.

Editor,—Will you please address the enclosed envelope to the Protestant, Scotch-Irish bachelor farmer advertising in the April number of your paper, and oblige.

"May."

Wants to Exchange Photos.

Sask.

Editor,—I am a reader of your magazine, and would like you to put me in correspondence with some nice young men. I am nineteen years old, strong, healthy and good-looking, and can play anything on the piano.

In religion I am a Methodist. I am not very anxious to get married, as I have a lovely home where I am, but if I should meet someone in my correspondence that I would like I would not hesitate. If any of the young bachelors wish to correspond with me, you may send them my address. Would like to exchange photos.

"Blonde."

Birnie, Man.

Editor,—Please forward enclosed letter to "Red River Girl," and oblige,

"One in Search."

He Likes Scotch Lassies.

Burnbank, Man.

Editor,—I see in your last Western Home Monthly a letter from a young lady signed "Scotch Lassie." I would like to correspond with this young lady. I am a young man, 26 years of age, 5 feet 1 inch tall, black hair and blue eyes. I am in good health, am a Scotchman and have a farm.

"Scotchman."

A Letter from Vermilion.

Vermilion, Alta.

Editor,—Kindly confer a favor and allow me a few lines in your valuable paper. Having read quite a number of letters written by bachelors and maids of the West regarding the matrimonial question, I have often thought it a peculiarly unlucky circumstance in love that though in every other situation in life, telling the truth is not only the safest, but actually by far the easiest way of proceeding. A lover is never under greater difficulty in acting or more puzzled for expression than when his passion is sincere and intentions are honorable. I do not think that it is very difficult for a person of ordinary capacity to talk of love and friendship which are not felt, and to make vows of constancy and fidelity which are never intended to be performed, if he be villain enough to practise such detestable conduct; but to a man whose heart glows with principles of integrity and truth, and who sincerely loves a woman of amiable person, uncommon refinement of sentiment, and purity of manners. My idea of a good wife:

The most placid good nature and sweetness of disposition, a warm heart gratefully devoted with all its powers to love, vigorous health and sprightly cheerfulness, set off to the best advantage by a more than commonly handsome figure—these, I think, in a woman may make a good wife.

I like the letters written in your last issue by "Manitoba Daughter" and "Jolly Girl."—Yours truly,

"Vermilion Bachelor."

Poor Bachelor!

Carberry, Man.

Editor,—"Disgusted" wrote an excellent letter. It expressed my own feelings exactly. I do not believe in young men and women corresponding with a view to marriage, unless they are thoroughly acquainted with each other. The idea of selecting a wife from certain letters! It is absurd! Of course, a good deal of the character may be read through the letter; still a good deal more cannot be read. I do not object to people corresponding with only friendship as their object, but, with marriage ——. Well, I do object, by all means. "Poor Bachelor" says "ladies are expected to write first, so you might send her my address, and I will be only too willing to answer any letters." I'm sure it is not the ladies' place to write first, and she is not a lady who would. I agree with "Canadian Lassie" that the lady writers are rather too hard on the bachelors. Poor bachelors!

"Ellen."

She Likes Writing.

Oak River, Man.

Editor,—Will you please send enclosed to "Not Particular," of Moose Jaw, as soon as you can. You can also give my address to "One in a Hurry," "Not Too Old," or "Lonely Pete," if you wish, as I think writing letters helps to pass away time, and also helps one to get better acquainted with other parts of the country. Hoping I have not filled too much space, I will sign myself

"Dina."

Sask.

Editor,—Will you kindly forward the enclosed envelope to Miss "Jane Eyre," and oblige

"Fred."

Editor,—Please send the enclosed to "Jane Eyre" whose letter appeared in the May number of Western Home Monthly.

"W.E.B."

He Seems Reasonable.

Editor,—I have taken your excellent magazine since I came out West from the Old Country some months ago, and look forward to each copy with great interest. I am going to take advantage of your Correspondence Column in securing a wife, as I am at present baching. I am an Englishman, 23 years of age and am a Protestant. I require a wife and not a maid servant, as I see some young bachelors want. She would only be required to attend to the housework, with the help of a servant. I should like the young lady to be younger than myself, who is fond of reading and music, and would always be neat and tidy. I will feel greatly obliged if you could put me in correspondence with any young lady who you think would suit me. I don't think I am asking too much with regard to the lady.—Yours faithfully,

"A Tyke."

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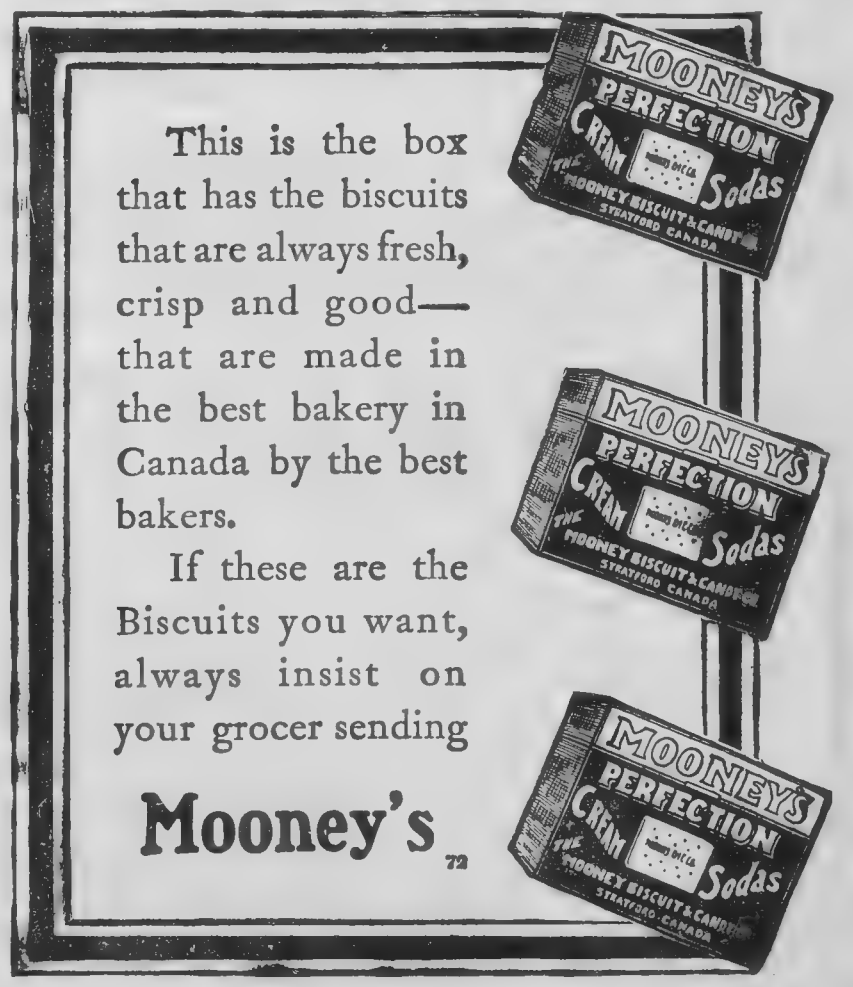

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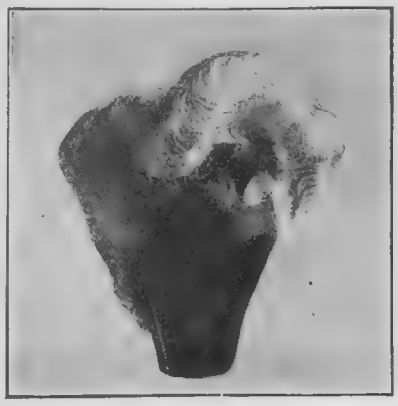

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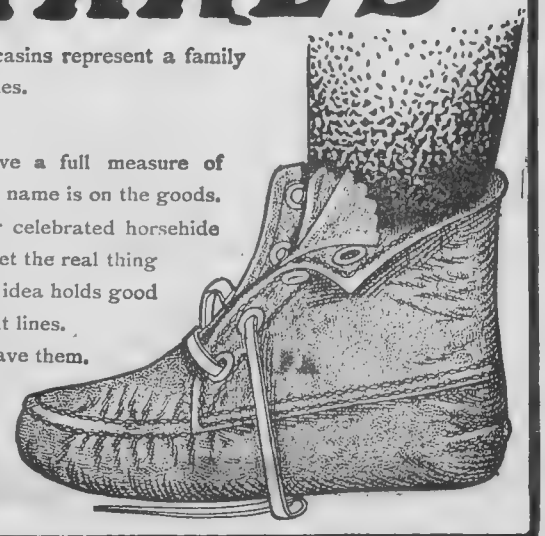

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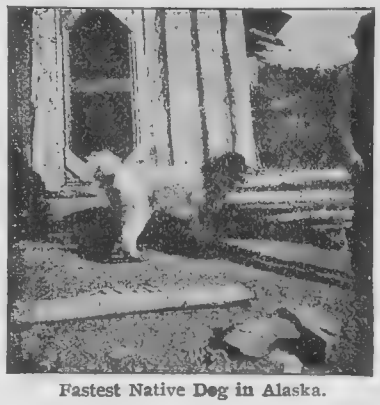
There is a great difference between the dogs of Alaska and those exhibited at bench shows; these latter passing their time in idleness, sleeping before fires in winter and lounging on verandas during the warm days of summer. They are of little practical value. But with the Alaskan dogs, however, it is quite different. The northern dog, being the beast of burden, is of the most practical utility, and taking



Fastest Native Dog in Alaska.

the place of horse teams, they are the sole dependence for the transportation of supplies into the camps of the far north. From their great service as general utility animals, almost every man become the possessor of one to five dogs, who become his companions, rendering assistance in nearly all his work. These dogs are of three species, the "Malamute," "Huskie," and "Siwash."

The Malamute comes from the Behring Sea coast, and was originally the Russian terrier, his ancestors having been brought from Siberia on the ice of Behring Straits, when the Russians, owning Alaska, made frequent trips across the narrow neck of water which divides Alaskan and Siberian coasts. This dog, a cross between the Russian terrier and Siwash, is small, weighing perhaps sixty to seventy-five pounds, covered with shaggy hair about four inches in length, much like that of the Angora goat, and which, standing out all over his body, gives him the appearance of twice his actual size. Under his long hair he has a close, thick coat of fur, which protects him from the cold. His head is small, eyes small and mild, ears large, legs very short and slender and covered with a heavy coat of fur.

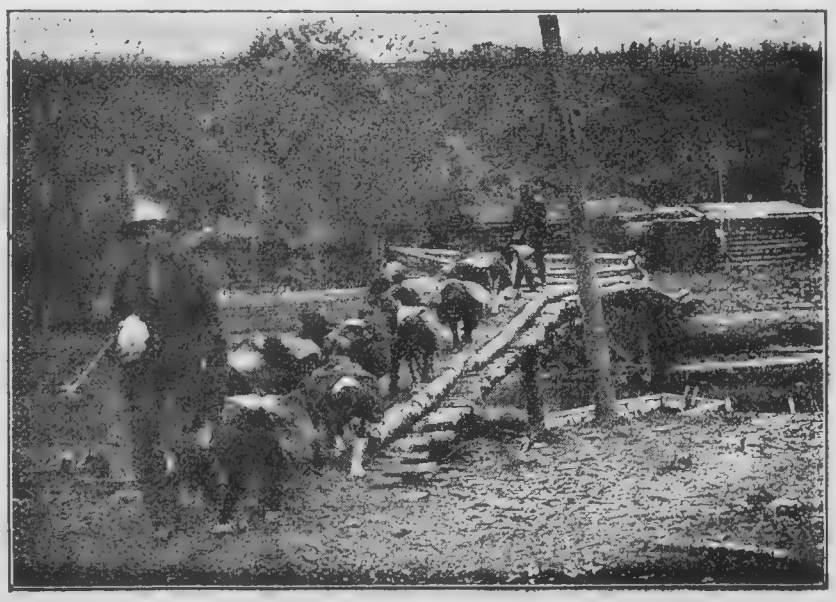
The Huskie comes from the regions of the Mackenzie, the great river emptying into the Arctic Ocean, where years ago he was the sole reliance of the Hudson Bay Trading Company in transporting supplies to their several posts to the extreme north and freighting immense quantities of furs out of the country. These dogs are very large, grayish in color, usually weighing from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and sixty pounds, are clothed with short, stubby, thick hair, likewise with a heavy under coat of fur, and although twice the size of the Malamute, look but little larger, as the hair lies close to the body. The Huskie has a large and rather flat head, large eyes and ears, and is capable of standing more hardships, doing more work and going longer without food than any other dog of the north.

The Siwash dogs, which are in the majority, are a cross with the dog and the wild wolf, and are usually gray or white, but occasionally black. These dogs are small, weigh from fifty to ninety pounds, and like the Malamute, are covered with a heavy coat of hair, a trifle shorter and much coarser than worn by the Malamute. The Siwash, like the other northern dogs, has a close-fitting, warm suit of fur under the hair. The head of the Siwash is small, strongly resembling that of the wolf, his ears extremely small and apparently cropped close to his head, with tail long and bushy.

The native dog rarely sleeps under shelter, seeming to much prefer curling up in the snow, where he sleeps soundly, even when the thermometer registers fifty or sixty degrees below zero. He has a very great advantage over the immigrant dog, who comes to Alaska without nature's shelter, with a warm bed in severe weather,

Emma L. Kelly Ready for the Trail.

and when travelling must be supplied with foot wear—moccasins made of heavy moose skin and tied closely around the foot to prevent freezing. This care is unnecessary with the native dog, that enjoys his bed of snow, while his feet are thoroughly protected from the cold and contact with the rough ice and snow crust by a thick coating of fur and coarse hair, which covers the entire foot and extends be-



Dog Pack Train Crossing Mastodon Creek.

Tanana Indians, Dogs and Sleds.

tween the toes, forming a kind of natural moccasin.

When a native dog reaches the age of three or four months, he receives a course of training in harness, preparatory to his life work; while at the age of seven or eight months he is put to light work, such as his strength will admit. His education consists in learning to understand the commands "Whoa!" which means "Stop!" "Gee!" which means "Turn to the right!" "Haw!" which means "Turn to the left!" and "March" generally pronounced "Much!" by the drivers, which means "Go on!" He is taught to keep his place when harnessed in the team, and not to become tangled in the traces of the other dogs of the team. His harness consists of a leather collar, made very much like that worn by horses, with belly bands and tugs. The team, being always hitched tandem, is driven by the word of command and never with reins.

The sleds in general use are about seven feet in length, seventeen inches wide, seven inches high, and are capable of sustaining immense loads, which are securely packed and lashed on. A pole, called a "G" pole, is used to guide the sled. The driver, holding this, travels in front of the sled and in the rear of the hindmost dog, which, with a load, is hitched about six feet in front of the sled. When the load is light the dogs are hooked closer, and when the weather is not too cold the driver rides a good portion of the time, but when very cold he must run most of the time to prevent freezing.

The trails are generally in excellent condition during the latter part of the winter and early spring, as at this season of the year the snowfall of the earlier winter has been sufficiently packed and the rough places worn off across and along the streams that it makes a smooth, glossy road, over which a dog team will travel with great spead, a good team reaching at times fifty to sixty miles a day, owing to the weight of the load. Over such a trail a dog is expected to draw about three times his weight, so that an average load over a good trail for five dogs ranges from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred pounds. Teams are composed usually of representaties of the three species, with an occasional immigrant dog added.

The trails in their course lead up mountain sides, through valleys, on creek beds, through belts and across flats. In ascending steep grades, the dogs dig their toes into the trail and pull with all their might, until they seem to be lying almost flat on the snow, in their great effort to draw the load. When they reach the summit they always expect to be repaid for their effort with a short rest. Descending steep grades the dogs must run and hold themselves at all times in readiness to jump to the side in order to prevent the sled from running upon them. In very steep places, however, the sled is usually "rough-locked," this being done by putting a chain or rope under the runner so that it requires an effort to pull down hill. The lock prevents the sled getting away and injuring the driver or his dogs on the more dangerous places—along creek beds or crossing great glaciers over which water flows at frequent intervals, even when the thermometer registers forty or fifty below zero. This flow of water over these glaciers is generally from one to five inches in depth, and is much dreaded by the dogs, as they dislike very much getting their feet wet. But they are compelled to keep the trail and go through the freezing water, which causes ice balls to form between the toes.

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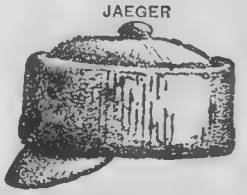

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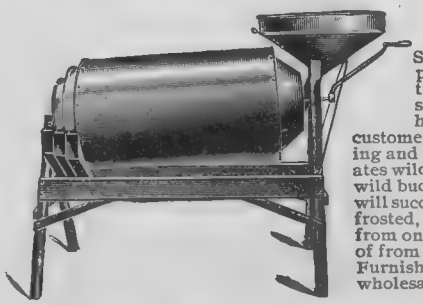

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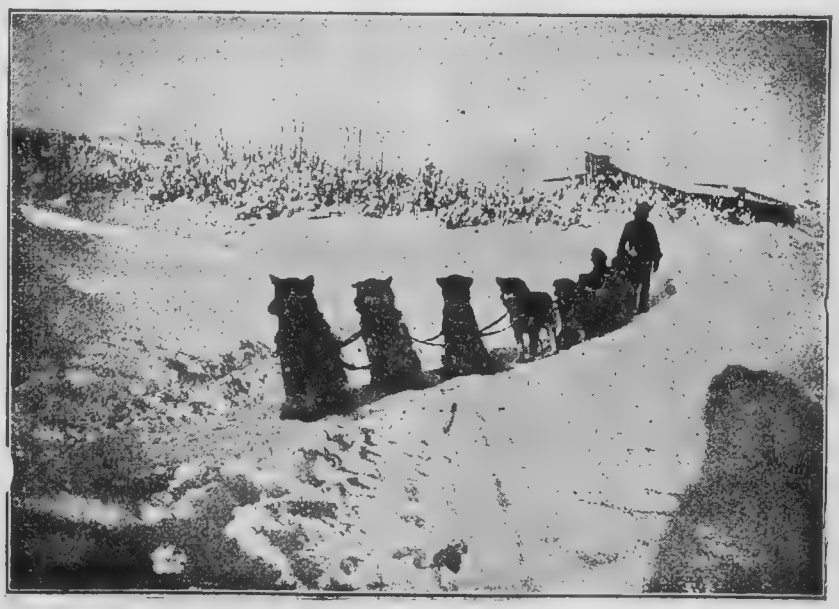

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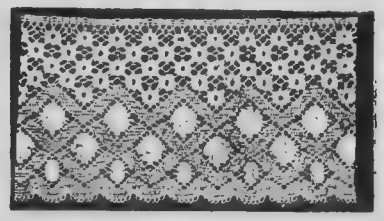

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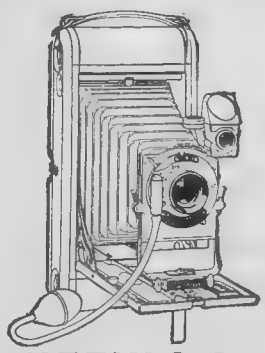

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Bishop Lofthouse: An ordinary freight ship would be smashed up like a matchbox if it collided with ice. I remember standing on deck coming into Hudson's Bay, and counting 32 enormous icebergs, just like floating leviathans, three or four times the height of our topmast.

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William Winter: Nothing in the theater to-day is so essential to the welfare of the public as an adherence to the lovely and cheering drama of simplicity and beauty. The public—that convenient scapegoat!—is forever supposed to want something new and something nasty. That is an error. The public wants something interesting—good acting, for instance, in good plays. It might be worth while to experiment a little in that direction.

Henry H. Rogers: Don't be a pessimist. Believe in yourself and your country. We are entering upon an era of development and prosperity unparalleled in the history of the world. The young man who realizes this fact is the young man who will succeed. This country is all right. There are a lot of fellows, soreheads and incompetents, standing around the street-corners trying to fight nature. But they can't keep this country back.

E. J. Dillon: One of the possible explanations of these curious failures to engraft constitutionalism on the czardom is that the country still needs to be elaborately prepared for the great change which self-government entails. Between dismal slavery and absolute power the distance is as great as between prostration from hunger and a copious meal. And it is dangerous to go from one to the other at a single bound.

The Outlook (London): America has sent to us an unrivaled succession of distinguished, broad-gaged, thoroughly human ambassadors. Not one of them has been a trained diplomatist, yet all have been successes—and not least successful in their purely business and bargaining hours. They provide us with a model and I think we should do well to imitate. They come to us as national guests far more than as official representatives.

Brigadier Howell: The growth of the immigration work of the Army is shown by the statistics as reported to the government. These figures show that in 1904, when the Army began this work in Canada on a large scale, there were one thousand people brought to the Dominion from the mother country. In 1905 the number rose to 4,000. This year there were received 13,000 people, and next year preparations will be completed for the reception of as many as 30,000.

Miss Sinclair: The young American poets of to-day are, as far as form goes, anything but revolutionary; they are born aristocrats of literature, careful of form, and fastidious to a fault in their choice of language. So far from being "Sansculottes," they are most particular about the arrangement of their draperies, many of them preferring the classic mode to any other. They refuse to be hail fellow well met with every subject, and are aware of the imperishable value of selection.

C. B. Wilkes: Our mayor-elect being brought to the front by bank managers, board of trade and grain exchange members cannot be looked upon otherwise than a servant of Mammon, and unless he resigns such service and becomes the servant exclusively of the people, the voice of whom with great unanimity have placed him in a proud position, he will have made an unwise choice between the service of God or Mammon and the prosperity of the city be delayed and held back for another year.

Saint H. Sing: The world at large has always accused India of being a caste-ridden land and the world has not taunted India without cause. Caste prejudices have kept India down for centuries. But so complete has been the present metamorphosis of India that education has rendered India impatient of breaking away from the trammels of caste. The struggle in India, as I understand it, is to sink the caste of ruler and ruled. The struggle is not to drive the Britisher out of India, but to lower him from the pedestal of the ruler, make him live in India as a fellow subject; in a word, as a brother and not as a foreigner.

Mr. Dooley: "What's th' Prisidint doin' these days?" asked Mr. Hennessy. "Not much," said Mr. Dooley "He's not doin' much. Ye seldom hear iv him. Whether 'tis old age creepin' on—he must be all iv twintyfour—or th' responsibilities iv th' office I don't know, but he's kind iv quited down. Now, ye take last week. With th' exception iv bouncin' a few indispinsable Cabinet officers, invintin' a battleship, writin' an article on th' spoorts iv th' ancient Greeks, lecturin' th' Presbyterian Church on infant damnation, refereein' a poker bet between wan iv his old companyons in ar-rms an' th' estate iv another, describin' th' delights iv ocean thravel to th' navy, passin' out a bunch iv lagal tips to th' Supreem Coort, divisin' a tackle's back play f'r football, an' sinding a recipe f'r preparin' pie plant f'r th' table to th' Ladies' Cookin' Club iv Omaha, ye might say he hardly done annything last week." "Maybe the poor man is sick," said Mr. Hennessy.

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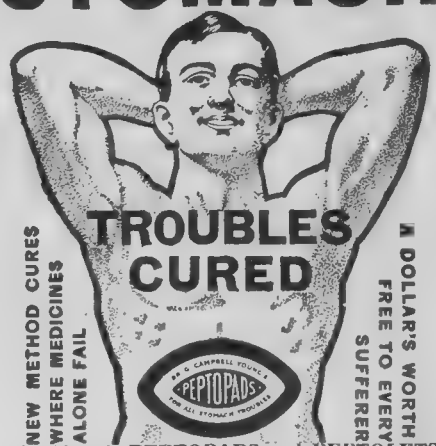

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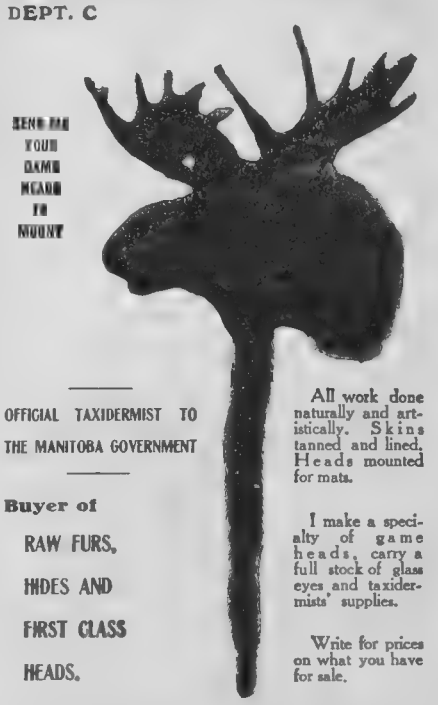

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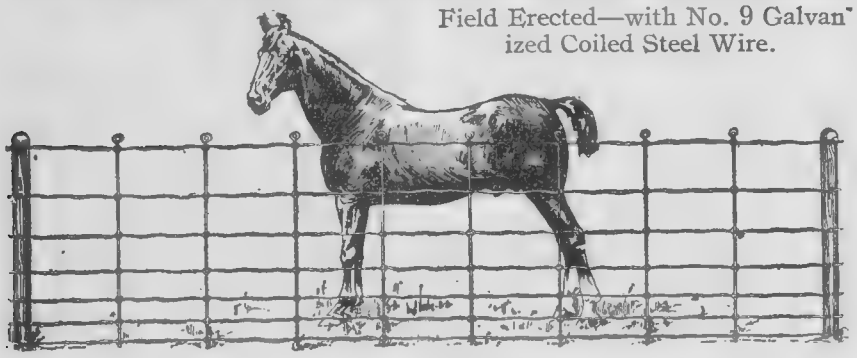

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Violin solo—
(a) Dudziarz (Le Mepetrier Mazarka ..... Wieniawski.
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Kathleen Devlin.
(a) Prelude ..... Bach
(b) Andante ..... Haydn
(c) Barcarolle (Schifflein auf dem See ..... Kullah
Mary Scarlett.
Valse Serenade (Opus 71) ....Godard
Florence Rice.
Sonatina (Opus 36, No. 6) ...Clementi
Allegro
Allegretto
Bernice Stevens.
Sous La Feuillee ..... Thome
Jean Lyon.
(a) Valse ..... Tschaikowsky
(b) Aragonaise ..... Massenet
Clara Veitch.
Hungarian Dream ..... Faber
Ruth Ryan.
Piano Solo ..... Selected
R. E. Adams.

In spite of the difficulties that have beset the path of music at Sydenham in recent years, the directors of the Crystal Palace still contrive to offer a series of first-class recitals for the autumn season. There seems little reason to doubt that if sufficient public response were forthcoming the Palace would be able to reassert its claims to the high position it held in the world of music in the 'sixties, 'seventies, and 'eighties. The tradition and the equipment are there, and nowadays Sydenham is more accessible than it ever has been, because the electric trams have helped to make many visitors independent of the slow and sleepy railway service. If the public response to the programme for the coming season is not satisfactory the fault will not be with the directors of the Crystal Palace.

Miss Adele Verne, the distinguished pianist, and Miss Eva Gauthier, the Canadian contralto, have been touring Canada with great success. Miss Gauthier has introduced, as part of her repertory, several of the new songs composed by Mr. Arthur Uvedale, of Toronto. They have been everywhere well received, their artistic rendering by Miss Gauthier eliciting enthusiastic applause. Mr. Uvedale will wake one morning and find that he has become widely known throughout the country as a writer of pleasing songs.

Two young artists who have won more than ordinary distinction are Master Ralph Kellert, violinist, and his younger brother, Master Mitchell Kellert, pianist. Lately returned from European study, with enthusiastic praises from foreign critics, these gifted lads will make their debut at Carnegie hall, Jan. 23, with Damrosch and the New York Symphony Orchestra under the management of R .E. Johnston. Master Mitchell, the talented young pianist, has received further recognition of his ability in being placed with Hekking during his tour through Canada. It is with intense interest that the musical destiny of these young virtuosi will be watched, and it is safe to predict for them a brilliant career.

Judus Maccabaeus, the work that was given in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on New Year's night, is well worthy to rank with Handel's best oratorios. It was written in 1746, when the master was at the zenith of his powers, for he had already produced "Israel in Egypt" and the "Messiah." Many numbers in Judas, such as "We come in bright array," "Fallen is the foe," and "Sound an alarm," are intensely dramatic, and it is therefore, no wonder that this oratorio has become such a favorite. For two months the chorus has been hard at work and a good performance is assured.

All the soloists were experienced oratorio singers, and each one has excellent opportunities in Judas Maccabaeus. M. S. Kerr, the Minneapolis bass, made his first appearance in Winnipeg on this occasion. He has often been associated in his work with such singers as Madame Calve, and is said to be an oratorio singer of distinction.

An exceedingly touching incident is related by Mr. Paderewski about an occasion when he performed extemporaneously at a well-known institute for the blind. "I was asked by a friend one day," he relates, "to accompany him to a home for the blind in which he was interested, and whither he was going on one of his periodical visits. I was very deeply touched by the evident patience and forbearance from complaint of those affli ted in so terrible a manner, and I very readily consented, at my friend's request, to do what I could to furnish them with a little temporary pleasure by playing to them.

"I accordingly sat down at the piano and played several pieces that I thought most likely to please them, but after about twenty minutes my own thoughts became so sad at thinking of the pitiable nature of the infirmities of my audience that I unconsciously began to play music which reflected my mental condition. When I finished, and as I sat still for a moment, myself deeply moved by the feelings that had found expression through my fingers, a member of my audience, with the tears running from his sightless eyes, came up and, flinging his arms about me, thanked me most effusively, and said he was certain I could only be Paderewski, about whose playing he had heard so often. I may say that none of the inmates of the home had been told of my identity."

In a critical article on "Frederic Chopin and His Music," Mr. Mason says:—

Why the works of a master so various yet so elevated in style, animated by so high an ideal of what it is worth while to say and of how it should be said, should be specially marked out for sentimentalization and degradation at the hands of performers too dull to divine their distinction, is one of the mysteries of perverse destiny. It is hard to see what justification can be found, either in the internal evidence of the works themselves or in the recorded opinions of their composer, by the misguided enthusiasts who drag out his lovely melodies into mawkish recitatives, break his chords into arpeggios, and vulgarize his 'tempo rubato" into license of meter and confusion of rhythm. There is, to be sure, in much of his music a subjective quality, an intimacy of mood, which gives the debauchee of sentiment an opportunity he does not find in abstract classic art. There are even a few instances, to give him countenance, of actual affectation, the tiresome posturing of the "dramatic" tone-poet, as in the pompous ending of the ninth nocturne and the theatrical opening of the third scherzo, where Chopin seems to borrow a gesture from his friend Liszt. But the entire object of the foregoing analysis will have been missed if it has not convinced the reader of the essential distinction of Chopin's mind. He was not a man to strut and pose; he was too busy with an artistic ideal, too bent upon expressing a high vein of feeling in a faultless technical medium.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Prices For Butterflies.

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Between each page of the diary there is a blotting-paper and the blank reserved for each entry is generous in size. In addition there are views of the Towiemore-Glenlivet Distillery and Peter Dawson's 100 Prize-Offer for suggestions for the 1908 diary.

This useful and attractive blotter-diary will be sent free to all who mention this paper and forward their names and addresses with five cents in postage or coin to Messrs. Boivin, Wilson & Co., Importers, 520 St. Paul St., Montreal.

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A CORRECTION.

An unfortunate printer's error found its way into the advertisement of the Melotte Cream Separator Co. that appeared in our last issue. Mr. Antliff, whose name was misspelt, is the Western manager for this popular machine, the sales totals of which have so rapidly risen during the past year.

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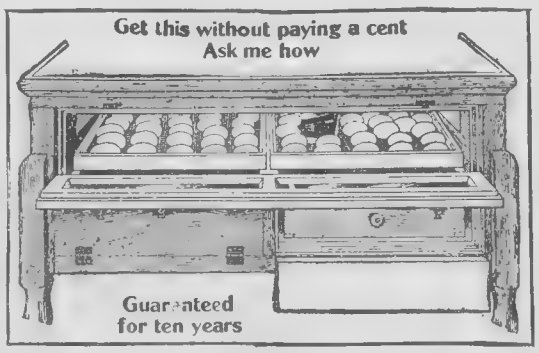

I will stand right back of you all the time, tell you anything you want to know about poultry-raising, find a good market for any poultry you want to sell, act as your expert advisor, **and leave the profit for you.**

All I ask you to do is to promise to pay me for what I ship you, after it has had time to earn twice its cost and more.

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I want to get you into the poultry business for my own sake, you see. I know that if you succeed at it you will be a customer of mine as long as you live, and you will send me other customers.

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Poetry of the Hour.

Song of the Souls that Failed.

We come from the war-swept valleys,
Where the strong ranks clash in might,
Where the broken rear-guard rallies
For its last and losing fight;
From the roaring streets and highways,
Where the mad crowds move abreast,
We come to the wooded byways,
To cover our grief, and rest.

Not ours the ban of the coward.
Not ours is the idler's shame;
If we sink at last, o'erpowered,
Will ye whelm us with scorn or blame?
We have seen the goal and have striven
As they strive who win or die;
We were burdened and harshly driven,
And the swift feet passed us by.

When we hear the plaudits' thunder,
And thrill to the victors' shout,
We envy them not, nor wonder
At the fate that cast us out;
For we heed one music only,
The sweet far Voice that calls
To the dauntless soul and lonely
Who fights to the end, and falls.

We come—outworn and weary—
The unnamed host of life;
Long was our march and dreary,
Fruitless and long our strife.
Out from the dust and the riot—
From the lost, yet glorious quest,
We come to the vales of quiet.
To cover our grief, and rest.

—Marion C. Smith, in McClure's.

Joe.

(A Song of Election.)

Though the Empire's on the totter,
And Old England's going wrong,
Though the ranter and the rotter
Seek to sway the silly throng.
There's a man of might among us
Who will come with rake and hoe,
And he'll clear away the fungus,
Will our Joe! Joe! Joe!

You will see no starving toilers
In the streets of London then,
For the greedy foreign spoilers
Will make way for British men.
And the tide of trade, receding,
Will again begin to flow,
When in Commerce Britain's leading
Under Joe! Joe! Joe!

Furl the flag of Separation,
Put the Banner man to bed;
As a Great United Nation
We'll the path of glory tread;
Safe from danger and disaster,
Ever greater we shall grow;
All the world will own us master
Under Joe! Joe! Joe!

The Tower.

Your love is like a mighty tower to me
When I am weary and the world is dark.
From your high battlements my thoughts embark
Upon the tenuous wings of poetry,
Voyaging to the stars. Sovereign and free,
The interstellar dream's great hierarch
Marshals his legions round us, as a mark
In the encircling vast uncertainty.

Steadfast we stand together, you and I,
Untroubled by false visions, unafraid
Tho' often menaced by the jagged blade
Of neighbor-lightning. Then, as clouds go by,
We watch the wraiths of old religions fade
Into the Faith that Love shall verify.

Elsa Barker, in Metropolitan Mag.

A Lover's Hesitation.

A little sprightly, saucy minx—
That's Dolly!
Who often acts before she thinks—
That's Dolly!
Who's always bright, and glad, and gay,
Whose life is one long round of play,
Who's happy all the livelong day—
That's Dolly!

A grave and somewhat sober lass—
That's Polly!
Who wastes no time before the glass—
That's Polly!
Who's calm and quiet, fair and sweet,
Who's fond and tender, shy, discreet,
And simply good enough to eat—
That's Polly!

Sometimes I think the one for me
Is Dolly,
But then at once new charms I see
In Polly.
And so I halt between the two,
All undecided which to woo,
I really don't know what to do—
What folly!

—Somerville Journal.

Spring.

Far out around the world by woods and meres,
Rises, like morn from night, a magic haze,
Filled with dim pearly hints of unborn days,
Of April's smiles and tears.

Far in the misty woodlands, myriad buds,
Shut leaves and petals, peeping one by one,
As in a night, leafy infinitudes,
By some kind inward magic of the sun;
Where yestereve the sad-voiced, lonesome wind
Wailed a wild melody of mad winter's mind,
Now clothed with tremulous glories of the spring.

Or in low meadows where some chattering brook
But last eve silent, or in slumbrous tune
Whispering sad melodies to the wan-faced moon,
Like life slow ebbing; now with all life's dowers,
Goes loudly shouting down the joyous hours.

Wan weeds and clovers, tiny spires of green,
Rising from myriad meadows and far fields,
Drinking within the warm rains sweet and clear,
Put on the infinite glory of the year.

—Wilfrid Campbell.

Song for a Cracked Voice.

When I was young and slender, a spender, a lender,
What gentleman adventurer was prankier than I,
Who lustier at passes with glasses—and lasses,
How pleasant was the look of 'em as I came jaunting by!
(But now there's none to sigh at me as I come creaking by.)

Then Pegasus went loping 'twixt hoping and toping,
A song in every dicky-bird, a scent in every rose;
What moons for lovelorn glances, romances and dances,
And how the spirit of the waltz went thrilling to my toes!
(Egad, it's now a gouty pang goes thrilling to my toes!)

Was I that lover frantic, romantic and antic
Who found the lute in Molly's voice, the heaven in her eyes,
Who, madder than a hatter, talked patter? No matter.
Call not that little, youthful ghost, but leave it where it lies!
(Dear, dear, how many winter snows have drifted where she lies!)

But now I'm old and humble, why mumble and grumble
At all the posy-linked rout that hurries laughing by?
Framed in my gold-rimmed glasses each lass is who passes,
And Youth is still a-twinkling in the corner of my eye.
(How strange you cannot see it in the corner of my eye!)

—Wallace Irving, in McClure's.

L'Envoi.

When earth's last picture is painted
And the tubes are all twisted and dried,
When the oldest artist has perished
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, in faith, we shall need it,
Lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all shall call us
And set us to work anew.

And those who were good shall be happy,
They shall sit in a golden chair,
And splash at a ten-league canvas
With brushes of comet's hair.
They shall have real saints to draw from—
Magdalen Peter and Paul—
They shall work for an age at a sitting
And never be tired at all.

And only the Master shall praise them
And only the Master shall blame,
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy that is in it,
And each in his separate star
Shall draw the things as he sees it
For the God of things as they are.

Rudyard Kipling.

Make Thy Garden Fair.

Go make thy garden as fair as thou canst,
Thou makest it never alone;
Perhaps she, whose plot is next to thine
Will see it and mend her own.

There is love that stirs the heart,
And love that gives it rest,
But the love that leads life upward
Is the noblest and the best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

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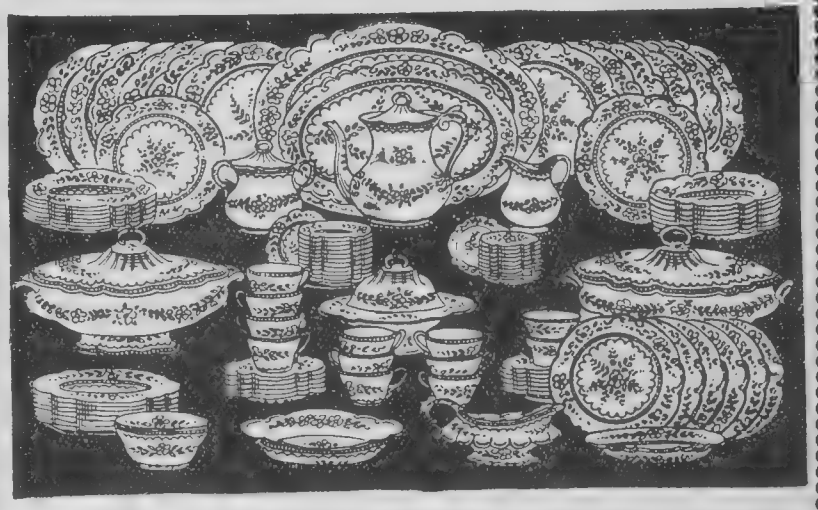

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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

GETTING POINTS. There is a Universal Britannica — a universal encyclopædia of human knowledge. Its individual volumes touch us upon every side. Every man is a magazine of information. Every individual is a specialist on some one subject. The boy who blacks your shoes can tell you something you don't know—yes, something you ought to know. The man who drives yonder cart can give you a suggestion which will be helpful. The maid in the kitchen may drop a word to which you may well listen. One day when Congressman Hooper called on Abraham Lincoln with Professor Agassiz, the president turned to the friend with whom he had been conversing, and who was about to take his departure, saying, "Don't go, don't go, sit down and let us see what we can pick up, that's new, from this great man." Every man has a message for you.

AN EYE TO SEE. Most men are equal in their opportunities. If men differ, they differ in one respect, namely, in their ability to recognize an opportunity when it presents itself. History states that one day at Nuremburg, a glass cutter let some acid—aquafortis—fall on his spectacles. He noticed that the glass was softened and corroded just where the acid fell. A stupid man would have exclaimed, "My spectacles are ruined," but this man recognized in the annoying incident an opportunity for success. He drew some figures on a piece of glass, covered them with varnish, applied the acid, and cut away the glass from around the figures. Then, removing the varnish, the figures appeared upon a dark ground, and etching upon glass was added to the ornamental arts. One half of the great discoveries which have astonished the world and brought blessing to investors have been stumbled upon, almost as by accident, but stumbled upon by men with open eyes and skillful hands.

AN OLD PHILOSOPHER ON TACT. Thomas Carlyle once said: "Read biography and read, especially, the autobiographies of great men." Following in the line of this suggestion, I wish to call the attention of the young men of Western Canada to a splendid volume written more than one hundred years ago, namely, the autobiography of Benjamin Franklin. The book is full of helpful suggestions for young people, and presents a vivid description of life in the colonies a century ago. In it I find the following illustration of tact and good judgment. I use Franklin's own words. He is speaking of a political opponent:—

"I did not like the opposition of this new member, who was a gentleman of fortune and education, with talents that were likely to give him, in time, great influence in the House, which, indeed, afterwards happened. I did not, however, aim at gaining his favor by paying any servile respect to him, but, after some time, took this other method. Having heard that he had in his library a certain very scarce and curious book, I wrote a note to him, expressing my desire of perusing that book, and requesting that he would do me the favor of lending it to me for a few days. He sent it immediately; and I returned it in about a week, with another note, expressing strongly the sense of the favor. When we next met in the House, he spoke to me, which he had never done before, and with great civility; and he ever after manifested a readiness to serve me on all occasions, so that we became great friends, and our friendship continued to his death. This is another instance of the truth of an old maxim I had learned, which says, 'He, that has once done you a kindness, will be more ready to do you another, than he whom you yourself have obliged.' And it shows how much more profitable it is prudently to remove, than to resent, return and continue, inimical proceedings."

DON'T DISCOURAGE! "Never Say A Discouraging Word While In This Sanitarium." Thus reads a sign in one of our great institutions of medicine and healing. That which is good for the sick must be helpful for those who are well. Don't discourage! If a man is not looking well, don't inform him of the fact. If the sermon was a poor one, pass it by without comment. If the day is cloudy, talk about the beautiful pattern in the parlor carpet. If the child cries, remember that its lungs are being expanded thereby. Talk about the roses, the stars, the sunrise and the sunset. Look for the beautiful; kill evil by ignoring it.

MONEY MAD. Pittsburg, Penn., has had a great crop of millionaires. Cash production has gone far in advance of character building. Millionaires are almost as numerous as lamp posts, and the sons of the wealthy, ruined by dissipation, stand forth as solemn warnings to the whole continent. Scores of ruined lives and blasted homes tell the story of mammon worship and pleasure seeking. A young bank clerk about to be sentenced to an eight year term in the State Prison said to the Pittsburg judge before whom he stood: "Your honor, we were money-mad from our association with millionaires." It is hard for a young man whose compensation is only $1,000 a year to go in and out among those who are carrying on the great game of business, and see others growing rich while their small stipend remains from year to year just about the same. Especially is this so when men of wealth act as though the chief end of life was wrapped up in the abundance of a man's possessions. The influence of wealth ought to be weighed and measured and consecrated to a noble end.

DON'T TRY, BUT DO. That is a good story about General Taylor, s who became famous during the Mexican war. The victory was in the balance, and a certain battery was turning the scale against the Republic. General Taylor call- the cavalry commander and said, "Take That Battery!" The officer answered, "We will try, sir." "I don't want you to try, sir; I want you to take it," snarled the general. "We will take it or die!" replied the young officer. "I Don't want you to die," bellowed the general. "I want you to take that battery." There is a lesson there. The business world is looking for men of action—not for martyrs or experimenters, but for men who bring things to pass.

GRIP AND GRIND. We believe in money. It is the foundation of every good work in the world, as well as the cause of much evil. Money is a divine thing when divinely used. To possess money is one thing, but to be possessed by it is quite another thing. There is a time to make, a time to save, and a time to give. Woe to the man who never, in all the years of a successful career, discovers that it is time to relax his grip and enjoy the luxury of giving. There is a family in New York City whose wealth has rolled up into many millions. A great family—a great fortune—and a great estate. The man who founded that estate never knew the luxury of financial relaxation. His grip was firm and tight to the very end of his existence. When he was worth his millions and owned a vast estate, he sent back a paper of tacks to a hardware store because the price was two cents more than he expected. The money fever seems to grow with increasing years. To have and to hold seems to be the motto of many a soul, rich in material things, but slender and lean in their moral and spiritual proportions. Pray for wealth if you will, and if God answers your prayer, then ask Him for wisdom to use it. A genius for generosity is a much needed thing in our day.

BOOKS! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!! There are forty million people living in the British Isles, and of these John Morley affirms that there is only about one million who are book lovers and book buyers; and yet there is no better ornament for a home than a neat collection of books. And why not such a literary, cosy-corner in every home, especially in these days when the best books are the cheapest—to-day when a volume of Emerson or Shakespeare may be had for a shilling. Even though you cannot find time to read and meditate, you do a splendid thing when you place a score of good books in the pathway of your children. It is recorded of Dr. Johnson that, when a boy, believing that his brother had hidden some apples beneath a large collection of books lying up amid the dust and cobwebs of a garret in his father's book store, he clambered thither to discover and capture the treasures upon which he had set his mind. The apples were not to be found, but the works of Petrarch attracted the attentio.. of young Johnson and aroused him to mental energy and intellectual pursuits. Books are silent creatures, but they are alive with a strange mental energy and breathe an atmosphere of spiritual power. Scatter them about, with here and there an illustrated weekly paper. Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days.

REGULAR IRREGULARITY. There are some folks who are regular only in their irregularity. They regard it as a sign of genius to be careless as to their habits and forgetful concerning their promises. They have reduced the "system of bein~ unsystematic" to a science. The biographer of the famous Duke of Newcastle said of him: "His Grace would lose an hour in the morning and then spend the rest of the day looking for it." Plan your work and work your plan. Let your motto be "A place for everything and everything in its place." Make a fight for a systematic life. Like all good things, it is worth fighting for.

DON'T WORRY. "Be sure you are right and then don't worry," was the motto of Chas. Dudley Warner—an excellent motto for the "Don't Worry Club," an organization whose existence we have discovered in certain localities, much to our own satisfaction. Worry can be reduced by 50 per cent. if you will absolutely refuse to worry concerning the things which are past and gone. When the late Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull was editor of the Sunday School Times, one of his co-editors called his attention to a mistake in the last issue of the paper. "Is it too late to make a correction?" inquired Mr. Trumbull. Receiving an answer in the affirmative, he said with considerable emphasis, "Mr. Talmage, I never want a mistake in the paper shown me if it is too late to make a change." There was wisdom in the remark. The past is gone and gone for ever. You may learn by your mistakes, but do not be guilty of the sin of constantly worrying over your mistake. Turn your face toward the future. Give your mistakes and blunders a decent burial in the past, and let the memory of them furnish you with implements of industry by which you may operate the gold mine of future possibilities. You remember how the Sunday school orator used to address the children in the days gone by, "Children, remember, the future lies before you."

THE MAN WHO IS FIT TO WIN. Success is, as a rule, a late arrival. Many a train sweeps through the city before our train arrives. Many a ship touches the harbor ere our ship comes in. But if Success is long in coming, it is all the more welcome when it arrives. Can you resolve? Can you labor? Can you wait? "No man is fit to win," says Bulwer, "who has not sat down alone to think, and who has not come forth with purpose in his eye, with white cheeks, and set lips, and clenched palms, able to say: "I am resolved what to do."

STAY WHERE YOU ARE. Most men fail to appreciate the natural advantages of their own surroundings. They are prone to think that the difficulties facing them are not to be found in other fields. Distant places seem lovely and attractive compared with the persistent problems of their present camping ground. We have already quoted the words of Emerson: "Love the spot where you are;" to which we would add the bright words of Thoreau, the Concord hermit, who scarcely ever left his native hearth. He remarked one day, "I have travelled extensively in Concord." He knew the beauties of his own environment.

SEVEN COOKS AND ONE SPY. "How could I fail to win?" said Frederick the Great, after the Battle of Rosebach. Soubise had seven cooks and one spy, while I had seven spies and one cook." That is rather a fine illustration of success and failure —failure for one and success for the other. There is a reason for success as there is a reason for failure. The commercial world is governed by law, and success always comes in obedience to the laws which govern the realm in which we are at work. The man with one cook and seven spies will always "win out" as against the man with seven cooks and one spy.

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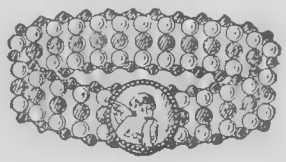

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A Move Towards Peace.

The American Bar Association embraces many brilliant men. Its meetings are correspondingly dignified, and its utterances weighty. At its last meeting, the association unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the action of the recent Interparliamentary Union, and joined in requesting the United States government to instruct its delegates to the Second Hague Conference to urge the adoption of the recommendations, that the Hague Conference be made permanent, and that efforts be made to codify a system of international law; that the limitation of armaments be seriously considered, and that all nations, before resorting to war, should submit their differences to mediation.—The Missionary Review.

The Study of Shakespeare.

We ought to treat Shakespeare with the high reverence with which he treated life and mankind, and not do him the injury of levity, he being so majestical as he is. Shakespeare is the supreme dramatic genius of the world, and if he holds the mirror up to Nature, it is for the sake of reflection, and I would add, self-reflection. Therefore, I expect, when I look into his pages, that he will give me some lessons on that art of all arts, the art of living.

Some students and commentators have declared that he was filled with the sorrow and sadness and unworthiness of life, and I can imagine that one holding a brief for that view might say, "As I read my Shakespeare I hear the melancholy voice of the man everywhere." I do not believe that that represents Shakespeare truly. I should be sorry if I thought so, for I could not build anything on that. But I might by quotations also argue that he was a thoroughgoing optimist, and that he was a man who enjoyed life to the full.—The Bishop of Ripon.

The Rights of Others.

Many republics have risen in the past, and some of them have flourished long, but, sooner or later, they fell; and the cause most potent in bringing about their fall was in almost all cases the fact that they grew to be governments in the interest of a class instead of governments in the interest of all. It made no difference as to which class it was that thus wrested to its own advantage the governmental machinery. It was ultimately as fatal to the cause of freedom whether it was the rich who oppressed the poor or the poor who plundered the rich. The crime of brutal disregard of the rights of others is as much a crime when it manifests itself in the the shape of greed and brutal arrogance on the one side, as when it manifests itself in the shape of envy and lawless violence on the other. Our aim must be to deal justice to each man; no more and no less. This purpose must find its expression and support not merely in collective action through the agencies of the Government, but in the social attitude. Rich man and poor man must alike feel that on the one hand they are protected by law, and that on the other hand they are responsible to the law.—President Roosevelt.

A Stimulus to Work.

People do not work well for bare necessities; they work well for ideals, for aspirations, for comfort, yes, for luxuries. The whip of starvation is not the necessity nor the assistance that it used to be thought; it is no better than the whip of the slave-driver—and best work was never yet got out of slaves. Employers who profit by the dire poverty and hunger of their workers are the loathly crew called sweaters.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

The Fuel Shortage.

Mr. Whyte clearly recognized in September what the future of the coal situation in the province would be. He then took cars out of the grain service and sent them west to the Crow's Nest for coal. An arrangement was also effected with the mines at Bien Fait to the effect that the company would furnish 25 cars per day, or as many as the mine could load. This has been done except on a few occasions when it was impossible to furnish the cars strictly according to the schedule, and the mine has been kept operating at full blast ever since that time. The coal shipped from the mine was carefully distributed throughout the West so that every portion of the country would get a share.—Superintendent Bury.

The Future With the Farmer.

Disseminate knowledge of farming as it should and must be, instead of maintaining the pitiful bribe of a few free seeds. Declare everywhere, from the executive chamber, from the editorial office, from the platform, and above all from every college classroom and from every little schoolhouse in the land, the new crusade. Let the zeal for discovery, for experiment, for scientific advancement, that has made the last century one of multiplied wonders, focus itself upon the problems of the oldest of sciences and arts, the cornerstone of all civilization, the improvement of tillage and making to grow two grains where only one grew before.—James J. Hill.

Flag over the Schoolhouse.

The policy of the government in regard to the flying of the Union Jack over the schoolhouses of the provinces, as enunciated by the premier of the province, will be carried out to the letter. Flags will be raised on every schoolhouse in the province immediately upon the opening of school after the Christmas holidays, as previously announced by Premier Roblin, and extensions will only be granted when it has been found impossible to conform with the requirements.—R Flecher.

Laughter and Insanity.

"The early stages of dementia are characterized by apathy, by emotional indifference. The subject seems deprived of every desire, every aspiration; he takes no interest in anything whatever; he is careless of what happens; he is completely detached from family affection and friendship. Rising on this background of psychic anesthesia, the laugh of dementia reveals its abnormal origin at once. . . . It is specially shown by the fact that the laugh comes on without appreciable provocation and in solitude. The man who talks to himself is regarded as out of his mind; the man who laughs by himself is much more justly subject to suspicion of mental trouble. This is because, as Bergson says, laughter is a social gesture, it is at bottom contagious, communicative; it implies the presence of someone else; it presupposes sympathy and solidarity. Sane men laugh when alone only exceptionally; and when they are in company the tendency of each to laugh is greater as he is surrounded by a larger number of laughers. . . . The man in the early stages of insanity has lost the feelings of solidarity and sociability; the exterior world, his fellows in particular, seems nonexistent for him. His laugh has no longer any meaning, any normal value. . . . ."—Dr. X. Francotte.

An Animal and a God.

With no immediate necessities of revenue, Mr. Roosevelt designs a campaign upon the multimillionaire; and this as a clear recognition that such an accumulation of power over men's souls and bodies is a menace to the liberty promised by the United States to its humblest citizens. The policy is a re-echo of M. Viviani's speech last month to the French Chamber. On the one side, the citizen is politically free; on the other, economically enslaved. In one aspect he is a "miserable," in the other a "souvereign"—an animal and a god. This is a condition of unstable equilibrium. All the world is to-day recognizing it as a condition of unstable equilibrium, and all the world is groping after a cure. That problem and the remedy for that problem is going to provide in Europe and in America the keynote to the politics of the twentieth century. —London Daily News.

The Hope of the Race.

The twentieth century is for education. "There's nothing too good for the children" is the slogan of the new movement. And everywhere we find aroused interest, increased appropriations, better facilities. The practical politician, immersed in the cares and worries of a system which, with all its defects, must be made to "work"; the visionary enthusiast who fancies that an application of his own patent prescription will cure all ills of the body politic, and who forgets that the race is doomed to spend forty and four times forty years in the desert before it enters any promised land; the man of business and the man of books; all alike are turning their eyes toward an institution which has for its function the training of the children who are the hope of the race.—Free Press.

Why Curb the Trusts?

Why curb the trusts? Let them continue to absorb each other, the larger swallowing the smaller, after the manner of snakes, until at the end of their carnivorous carnival there is left but one huge, gorged trust-serpent. Then, the nation steps in and swallows this surviving fittest. Thus government ownership comes like a gift. The trust will have done all the work: the people reap all the benefit. Unhappily these schemes do not always work out according to programme. The advantages of government ownership depend on who owns the government. And it is quite within the range of possibility that the supertrust, its appetite growing by what it feeds on, might decline to be swallowed by the nation; might, in very fact, turn and swallow the nation, instead. It takes two to make a bargain, even in sociology.—Prof. Giddings.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier celebrated his 65th birthday on Tuesday, and every friend of Canada rejoices in the fact that he did so in good health. For 40 years the Canadian Prime Minister has been before the public—first as journalist and editor, then as barrister and politician, and for the last 10 years as Prime Minister; and after it all he remains the first Canadian in national repute—a statesman of whom every Canadian has reason to be proud.—Canadian Gazette.

The American Embassy.

We believe it to be now the fact that in the rough-and-ready way in which men reckon prestige, the British Embassy to-day ranks, not first, but third, and that it is superseded both by the German and French embassies. Count Speck von Sternberg is admittedly one of the ablest opponents that Britsh diplomacy has anywhere to encounter. His long friendship with Mr. Roosevelt, his own social gifts, and the persistent backing of the Kaiser, have given him an authority such as even Lord Pauncefote hardly commanded. There is perhaps no European ruler or statesman for whom the President feels the instinctive and thoroughgoing sympathy and admiration he has often expressed for the Kaiser. The two men understand each other; they are personal and, in a sense, political affinities; and they correspond with a regularity and freedom that at least insure a full and persuasive presentation of the German point of view. We entirely believe that Mr. Roosevelt is friendly to England so long as there is no Anglo-American question on the carpet; but we do not believe that he could be trusted, even in a matter that did not touch American interests, to range himself automatically on the side of England against Germany.—The Outlook (London).

India and Britain.

In all that I have said I shall not be taken to indicate for a moment that I dream that you can transplant British institutions wholesale into India. That is a fantastic and ludicrous dream. Even if it could be done, it would not be good for India. You have got to adapt your institutions to the conditions of the country where you are planting them. You cannot transplant bodily the venerable oak of our constitution to India, but you can transplant the spirit of our institutions,—the spirit, the temper, the principles, and the maxims of British institutions.—Rt. Hon. John Morley.

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It would be too much to expect that everyone interested in the subject of education would advocate its being made compulsory, but the signs of the times point unmistakably to its near approach. There have been three recent influential utterances on the subject. The first was the action of the Winnipeg Public School Board, which by a unanimous vote decided to make a second attempt to induce the Legislature to pass a compulsory attendance law. The other was the voice of the teachers throughout the Province, who declared for compulsory education. Another was expressed at a meeting held in Fort Rouge a few weeks ago, attended by many of Winnipeg's most influential men, who had convened to discuss the harmful influence of the pool rooms upon the boys of the locality. The investigation revealed a sad state of depravity. It was stated that young lads played truant to play pool. Magistrate Daly, speaking with the knowledge of experience, said that "Compulsory education must be the foundation of any effectual movement to check the growth of juvenile crime. He was not alone in his position. The Children's Aid Society have told the Provincial Government that there are hundreds of truant children in Winnipeg. This is an alarming state of affairs. Truancy is the beginning of crime—the thin edge of the criminal wedge. It is time that parents and guardians took the matter seriously

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

"A Manitoba Farmer," resident of Birtle, has written a letter to the Winnipeg Free Press, which contains a real grievance. We heartily sympathise with him, and publish his letter:—"Sir,—Kindly allow me a few lines in your valuable paper re the winter excursions to the east and the States. I have been a resident in Manitoba for twenty years, and there has not been a cheap excursion to the old country in all that time. I do not speak for myself alone. I know there are hundreds of old country people would only be too glad of an opportunity to visit the scenes of their youth and see their old friends and relatives. I say it is either a great injustice or an oversight to old countrymen. The great flood of immigration from the States had scarcely commenced before the Americans were given a chance to spend a few months with their friends across the line. Now, why doesn't our government or our great transcontinental railway company, now they have the boats, give old countrymen the same chance. I am sure it would be to their advantage, for it would be the best advertising the country could get, for no man or woman would take the trip unless he could afford it, and that would speak more for the country than any immigration literature could." From the standpoint of immigration, nothing would pay so well as a few hundred well-to-do Western farmers touring England a month or two every year. These men could talk of nothing else but Canada, and would do more to influence the proper kind of farmer immigrant than almost any other agency that could be devised. The suggestion is an excellent one, and should be given the widest publicity.

CHEAP TRIPS TO ENGLAND.

Publicity is the key to twentieth century business success. He who has a business must get that business before the world, or the world will pass him by. The general laws which apply to ordinary business institutions also apply to communities and cities. To settle up a country you must exploit its resources; to build up a city, you must advertize to the world its industrial and commercial possibilities. Municipal advertising has become a distinct branch of business publicity. Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, and Commercial Clubs are the mediums through which a municipality can best reach the general public. Every community has its strong points as a place of residence, or as a commercial or manufacturing centre. These facts must be set forth and given to the public in some way, if there is to be any progress. The only question is, how can it best be done? It must be remembered that the capital stock of a municipality is the unoccupied territory and business opportunities within its particular sphere of influence. These, speaking in the language of trade, are what the municipality has to "sell." Every institution located in a legitimate line of production; every family brought into its territory; every farm improved, adds just that much to the business resources of the community by increasing the productive and consumptive power of the people, and to that extent increasing the market.

ADVERTIZE YOUR TOWN.

A most salutary and far-reaching bill was that introduced in the House by Hon. Sydney Fisher on the 11th of December for the supervision and inspection of canned and uncanned meats, fish, fruits and vegetables. The inspection of canned and uncanned goods is to be more drastic than that in regard to fish, fruits and vegetables. The minister said that he was open to conviction as to whether or not fish should not be placed in the same position as meats. The bill put fish on the same category as fruits and vegetables. Mr. Fisher preceded the explanation of the bill with a statement as to why the legislation was necessary. There were certain revelations in Chicago which affected the markets of the world in regard to canned meats. He sent one of his officers to examine all the packing establishments in Canada. The report showed that these establishments, which were not situated together the same as in Chicago, were in excellent condition as far as sanitary arrangements were concerned. There might be one or two instances which required a little remedy, but these were corrected as shown to exist. Indeed, the packers were as anxious as the government to have a system of inspection so that their goods might be easily marketed abroad. The workmen engaged in the Canadian packing houses were of a superior class, principally from Europe. There was no kind of inspection, however, and this was necessary so that the trade might regain and hold its place upon the British market. "The provisions of this Act are brief," said Mr. Fisher, "and I intend to incorporate them in this bill with a more extended application. Those concerned in the canned goods trade in Canada seem to realize the importance of such a law as I now propose, and, although it has been known to them that we purposed introducing a measure of this kind, we have had no complaint, and, in fact, they seem to welcome such a law. It is intended that the provisions of this bill shall apply to all canned food products. It will apply, first of all, to canned meats, and canned fruits and vegetables, and canned fish; it applies also to all meats not canned, such as bacon and ham, poultry meat, and sides or quarters of the larger animals."

HON. SYDNEY FISHER'S NEW BILL.

In these days when the "trust" is almost universally denounced, it is curious to hear its praise sung by one so eminent in the legal world as James B Dill. Mr. Dill says: "The so-called trusts have played an important part in American commercial development. Their organization for massing money and men has been of enormous value. It has proceeded for the most part along lines economically sound and for the enrichment of the country at large. Ten years ago we were threatened with a commercial war. The issue then involved was whether we should force our trade into Germany and other foreign countries, or whether Europe should capture the field that we desired. The war has been won virtually by the United States." Mr. Dill goes on to point out that while the above is true, the "trust" is doomed because the corporation managers have come to regard financial power as the only effective power in the country. The financial kings discern clearly the signs of the times. They see the end coming. They are learning that there is higher tribunal than Wall Street opinion. The rose has been for the easy dollar rather than the honest dollar. But he still believes in the corporation. "The so-called trusts will emerge from this experience infinitely better than they were before. They will be much sounder for the ordeal they passed through, just as the life insurance companies are stronger today because of the exposures last year. My remedy for the whole thing is economy in language, in thought, in finance. And from it all the American people is going to learn the lesson of not spending one dollar until it has earned two, not to mortgage its farm for an automobile, and not to use its own or anybody else's money for purposes of mere personal gratification."

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TRUSTS.

During the year ending last March the British and Foreign Bible Society (the oldest and the largest in the world) circulated nearly 6,000,000 copies of the Scriptures (the actual figures being 5,977,453 books), which exceeded the previous high-water mark by 33,000 copies, and this is the more remarkable in face of the disturbed conditions which have prevailed in Russia, China, and Japan, where some of the society's heaviest sales take place. The polyglot nature of the work appears in the fact that at Winnipeg Scriptures were supplied in 43 different languages, while at Johannesburg versions in 52 languages were sold, and a fifty-third was asked for by a newcomer, who demanded a Bible in Icelandic. During the past year 11 new languages have been added to the list of versions. The Bible Society has now promoted the translation of some part of the Bible in 400 languages. About 900 colporteurs were at work, 670 native Bible-women, as well as some 100 European Bible-women, most of whom are working in London back streets. An excellent example of the scale on which the Society conducts its business was seen at the last monthly meeting of the committee, when orders to be placed with various printing firms were sanctioned amounting to no less than 653,000 volumes.

A YEAR'S OUTPUT OF BIBLES.

The battle against cancer is commanding the sympathy of the whole world. Investigations have been made on a large scale during the past year. These investigations have not been confined to one country, but to the civilized world. The results so far arrived at are, that cancer is not associated with the peculiarities of diet, climate or mode of life. The cancer research committee is doing a noble work in this field of labor. Their reports for thise year show that no line of inquiry is overlooked, no matter how unpromising. The search after fresh facts has been stimulated by the rejection during the past year of certain fallacies, which previously obscured the true problem. One result obtained shows that cancer is not transferable from one individual to another, as if it were an infectious disease. The destruction of certain preconceived ideas of the origin of cancer has cleared the way for further advance, while the number of hitherto unsuspected facts certainly give hopes of final success. The researches in the various British colonies and protectorates continue to yield information of increasing value, and prove that the investigation is truly an imperial one. Cancer is found in vegetarians, as well as those who eat fish and fowl. The Prince of Wales has become deeply interested in the work of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and with him are associated men of eminence from all parts of the empire. The day seems to be dawning when cancer shall have disappeared.

THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.

One of the crying needs of our Western country is a university, adequately equipped to give scientific instruction to specialists. This the college cannot do, because of the enormous cost of scientific apparatus. The college is necessary, and its course in classics, mathematics, philosophy and other academic subjects will always be the foundation of a liberal education. But while these subjects give poise and polish, they do not enable the student to meet the demands of advancing civilization. Western men in particular should have the fullest instruction in engineering, electricity, chemistry, geology and mineralogy, and only a great university with plenty of money to back it can teach these subjects as they should be taught. At the present time McGill is the only university in Canada which can hold out attractions to students seeking special training in the subjects named. This she can do because of the munificence of Lord Strathcona and Sir Wm. Macdonald. But McGill is in the far east—almost beyond the pale of our interest. Manitoba University is little else than an examining body for a number of denominational colleges. It is true that it has a building and teaches two or three subjects, but it is not in the class of McGill. The West needs a university like the University of Birmingham, England. Let our educational prophets see this vision and preach it as a new crusade.

A UNIVERSITY FOR THE WEST.

Retaining the Attractiveness of Youth.

There is no good reason why every woman should not continue to increase in attractiveness as she grows older, until long after she has attained middle life. The most fascinating women in history were well along in years at the time of their greatest triumphs. Josephine was 34 years old when she captivated and married Napoleon; Cleopatra was upwards of 40 when Anthony sacrificed the whole world rather than be separated from her at the battle of Actium; and Madame de Maintenon was almost 50 at the time of her marriage to Louis XIV. In everyone's list of acquaintances are women no longer young, but well preserved, and possessing a charm and graciousness of manner that make them extremely popular.

And yet, how often does it happen that women who were belles in their younger days, sought after and admired by their acquaintances of both sexes, lose, to a large extent, as they advance to early middle life, the attractiveness that used to be theirs. The eye loses its lustre, the bloom on the cheek gives way to an expression of care, and she becomes fretful, easily discouraged and irritable. She is keenly conscious of this condition, and is inclined to become moody and fearful of losing the regard of her husband and friends.

Why is it that some women continue to improve in appearance and womanly qualities, while others rapidly lose their beauty and their agreeableness? The explanation lies wholly in the perfect or imperfect operation of the female functions. If perfect circulation be maintained in the womanly organs, all waste matter is regularly eliminated, and the nerves and tissues are properly nourished by the blood circulating freely and without obstruction. There is a very close sympathy between the nerves in these organs and those which give expression in the face and eyes, and with proper circulation in the womanly organs the nerves of the face and eyes are strengthened and invigorated, giving that happy, contented and magnetic feeling and expression that goes with true womanliness.

If, however, the circulation in these organs is imperfect or obstructed, the blood becomes stagnant and congested, the nerves and tissues are not properly nourished, and they ar oppressed by the presence of waste matter which should have been eliminated, but which is still held on account of the impeded circulation. This condition is bound to cause fretfulness, irritation, lack of confidence, etc., as well as more or less physical suffering, and unless it is corrected it will certainly lead to some of the graver forms of what are usually called female disorders.

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1907. Looking back, it seems like yesterday that we began to write 1906. The years fly here in the West; perhaps they do everywhere as we grow older.

By way of freshening the column and creating interest, I have had a new heading made and the motto of the month has been dropped. Months ago I asked if any one found the mottoes helpful, but as that query has been completely ignored, I am assuming that no one cared for them. At the beginning of 1906 I urged my readers to write and criticise the column and make suggestions, but that request has also been ignored. The request is repeated for 1907. Criticism of any kind will be welcome. The editor man tells me that the matrimonial column is simply deluged with correspondence and that if they printed nothing else in the Monthly for the next three issues, they could not possibly overtake this correspondence. Granted that matrimony is the all important question in life with many people, there are surely some others that are worth discussing. Many of the subjects touched on during the year have been written upon, mainly with the hope of getting readers of this page to discuss them.

Up to date I have not been fortunate enough to strike a responsive chord. The column would be doubly interesting if the women of the West would use it as a means of exchanging views on any of the many subjects that must be of importance to them.

By doing so they would not only help the column but many a woman who is new to the country, and does not understand the best means of helping herself.

By the way, the artist man who so kindly designed the new heading for the column has consented to put my initials in so plainly that for the future it will not be possible to take the "H" for a "K", which was frequently done on the last heading.

Any letter addressed "E. C. H., Woman's Quiet Hour, Western Home Monthly," will surely reach me and will receive prompt attention. If you have any regard for the feelings of the writer do not neglect this invitation. Write, if only for the purpose of finding fault. Let one of your New Year's resolutions be that you will write to this column once in three months anyway.

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A WORKER'S PRAYER. Rudyard Kipling is not often regarded as a writer of religious poetry and yet the Recessional and the Worker's Prayer will probably live when many of the so-called religious poems are entirely forgotten.

Just at the beginning of a New Year it may help some struggling soul to have the prayer reprinted in full:—

If there be good in that I wrought,
Thy hand compelled it. Master, thine;
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought,
I know, through Thee, the blame is mine.

One instant's toil to Thee denied
Stands all eternity's offence,
Of that I did with Thee to guide,
To Thee, through Thee, be excellence.

Who, lest all thought of Eden fade,
Bring'st Eden to the craftsman's brain,
Godlike to muse o'er his own trade
And manlike stand with God again.

The depth and dream of my desire,
The bitter paths wherein I stray,
Thou knowest who hast made the fire,
Thou knowest who hast made the clay.

One stone the more swings to her place
In that dread temple of Thy worth,
It is enough that through Thy grace
I saw naught common on Thy earth.

Take not that vision from my ken;
Oh, whatsoe'er may spoil or speed,
Help me to need no aid from men
That I may help such men as need!

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NEW ZEALAND. During the month I had a long and interesting talk with Mr. Graham Gow, agent in Canada for the New Zealand Government. I noticed in the columns of the Monthly a very scathing attack on woman suffrage in Colorado intimating that it was an utter failure, and this made me the more eager to find out how it had worked in a highly enlightened country like New Zealand, where it has been in operation for many years.

By the way, I think suffrage in Colorado was condemned by my confrere "The Philosopher," on very inadequate evidence. However, that is the way of philospohers. Colorado has on its statute books to-day laws for the protection of young girls that would never have been passed but for women's votes and the work of women legislators. That the bad men and corrupt politicians of Colorado are averse to woman's suffrage I can well believe, for when the suffrage was granted to women twelve years ago, Colorado enjoyed the unsavory distinction of having its "Age of Consent" the lowest but two of the whole American union. The raising of that age was one of the very first efforts of her women legislators. They succeeded after a most strenuous fight and that reform, at least, remains to their credit.

To return to New Zealand, Mr. Gow, who is certainly in a position to speak at first hand of the working of the law in New Zealand, said "It has long ceased to be a matter of criticism and speculation, and the right of women as well as men to make the laws by which they are governed is accepted without a question. To the younger generation the fact of women voting is so much a matter of course that it is one of the things that has always been, but to those of an older generation, who remember things as the were under the former order, the improvement is still a matter of constant gratification. The introduction of women to the electorate has been an entire success in every way but the feature that is the most striking and the most gratifying, is the way in which it has eliminated the bad men from politics. Very early in the history of female suffrage in New Zealand the man with a bad record morally, learned that he was not wanted. No matter how wealthy, or how eloquent he might be, if his personal character was bad the women turned him down remorselessly. This has been done so often that now a man with a record for immorality does not attempt to run in a section where there is a heavy female vote. The women of New Zealand stand pledged to a high standard of morals for the men who make the laws and they have the power to enforce their views. The polling booths on election day are quiet, clean, orderly places, and the woman who goes to record her vote meets with no more annoyance or inconvenience than she would meet in going shopping."

This is surely grand testimony for woman suffrage, but it is only what might be expected in any country where women are allowed to exercise their God-given right of expressing themselves in the laws for their own government.

It is amusing and just a little sad to note all the eloquence that is being wasted over women who have dared to disturb the sacred precincts of the British House of Commons by demanding the suffrage. They have been haled off to prison and treated like felons of the worst type.

A few years ago when England went to war with the Boers in South Africa the ground of the difficulty was that Englishmen in South Africa were being taxed and were not allowed to vote on how these taxes should be spent. It was considered noble, heroic and all that is grand and good for them to sacrifice life and property to secure this "God Given Right." The women of Great Britain have been taxed without representation

from the time they had anything to tax, they have only asked for what the men in South Africa asked for, they have sacrificed no lives and have not squandered millions of money, and yet they are all felons. Strange, is it not? To quote Lily Devereux Blake's fables, "What is sauce for the gander is saucy for the goose."

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THE DOCTOR. I cannot help wishing that Ralph Connor had left his latest book unwritten. Black Rock and the Sky Pilot were excellent. No one could read them without being moved by the intense human interest that pervaded them. The chapter in the Sky Pilot devoted to Gwynne's Canyon is a gem that any author, however distinguished, might be proud of. The Man From Glengarry fell below the level of the first book. The Prospector dropped another notch, and "The Doctor" is feeble. There are good things in it, no one will deny, but taken as a whole it is weak. It bears plainly on every page the evidence that the author wrote the book because the publishers urged him to do so and not because he had anything new to say. Personally I am heart weary of this never ending laudation of the Scotch, or Scotch Canadian lad who, in spite of innumerable obstacles surpassed everyone else at college. It has been a fad quite long enough. There have been plenty of English and Irish lads who have done equally well under quite as adverse conditions. It would be refreshing to hear and read about them occasionally. Reduced to ordinary English, "The Doctor" in Ralph Connor's story was an ill-mannered prig and his brother, the parson, a morbid sentimentalist. However, I had better stop writing heresies or the editor will cut off my head.

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THE MOO COW. This delightfully quaint poem has been lying in my drawer for months waiting a fitting opportunity for reproduction. The author's name, I am sorry to say, is not given. It is quite equal to some of the rhymes in Alice in Wonderland, or "The Owl and the Pussy Cat." Nonsense rhymes are a real joy when they are clever nonsense:—

My pa held me up to the moo-cow-moo
So clost I could almost touch.
En I fed him a couple of times, or two,
En I wasn't afraid-cat—much.

But ef my papa goes into the house,
En mamma, she goes in, too,
I just keep still, like a little mouse,
Fer the moo-cow-moo might moo!

The moo-cow-moo's got a tail like a rope
En it's raveled down where it grows..
En it's just like feeling a piece of soap
All over the moo-cow's nose.

En the moo-cow-moo has lots of fun
Just swingin' his tail about;
En he opens his mouth and then I run—
'Cause there's where the moo comes out!

En the moo-cow-moo's got deers on his head,
En his eyes stick out o' their place,
En the nose o' the moo-cow-moo is spread
All over the end of his face.

En his feet is nothing but finger-nails
En his mamma don't keep 'em cut.
En he gives folks milk in water-pails
Ef he don't keep his handles shut.

'Cause ef you er me pulls the handles, why,
The moo-cow-moo says it hurts.
But the hired man he sits down clost by
En squirts en squirts en squirts!—

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JAMS AND THINGS. One of the objects of the New Zealand Government in sending their agent to Canada is to establish trade between the two countries. A great variety of commodities will be exchanged, but what interests the housewife most is the New Zealand canned meats, jams, marmalades and pie fruit.

The recent revelations of the awful conditions prevailing at Chicago packing plants has given everyone a disgruntled feeling about any kind of meat in a can. This is proving New Zealand's opportunity, for all canned goods in that country are put up under the most rigorous government inspection and are absolutely clean and pure. Every can bears the Government stamp and cannot be offered for sale without it. New Zealand canned mutton is food for the gods compared with any other tinned meats I have eaten, but I was especially interested in the jams and canned fruits. Evidently New Zealand produces fruit of a very superior quality, as the flavor was most delicious. A novelty to me was a mixture of gooseberries and red raspberries which was most toothsome. The jams seemed to keep perfectly and yet they were not so sweet as the pound for pound jams that are usually sold in tins. Of course the ideal condition would be to have all the small fruits we require grown at home, but that cannot possibly happen for many years to come. Ontario seems rather indifferent about supplying this market, and under these circumstances it looks as if it might be both pleasant and profitable to get our supplies from New Zealand. In any case it is pleasant to have a variety and to know that the fruit or meat used is absolutely pure and clean.

GEMS FROM WHITTIER. The Quaker poet appeals to our hearts as strongly in January as in June.

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till our strivings cease;
Take from our hearts the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

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"Apart from Thee all gain is loss.
All labor vainly done;
The solemn shadow of Thy cross
Is better than the sun."

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"Couldst thou boast, O child of weakness!
O'er the sons of wrong and strife
Were their strong temptations planted
In thy path of life?"

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"Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
O Love Divine, O helper ever present,
Be Thou my strength and stay."

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"The white wings of the Holy Ghost
Brood seen or unseen
O'er the heads of all."

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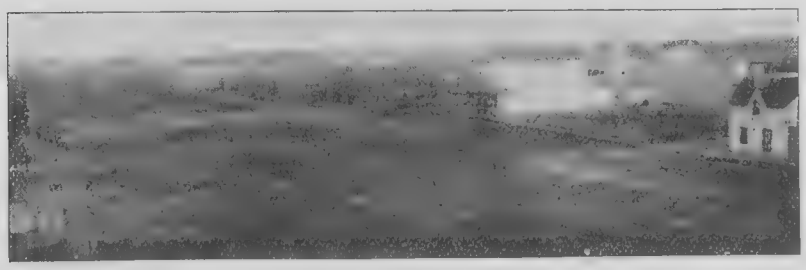
"Sweeter than any song
My song that found no tongue;
Nobler than any fact
My wish that failed of act.
Others shall sing the song,
Others shall right the wrong—
Finish what I begin,
And all I fail or win.
What matter, I or they?
Mine or another's day,
So the right word be said
And life the sweeter made?
Hail to the coming singers!
Hail to the light-bringers!
Forward I reach, and share
All that they sing and dare."



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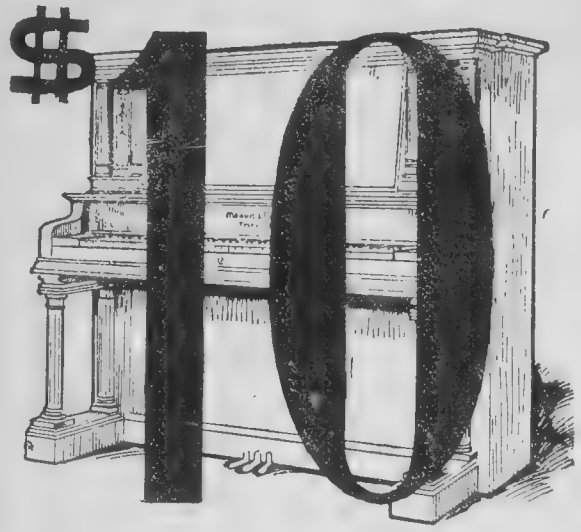

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However much one may belittle and deride the so-called "Emancipation of Woman," may jeer and scoff at the "Shrieking Sisterhood," one may deny that the constant agitation of the subject of women's rights and wrongs has accomplished one result for which it behoves all women to "Down on their knees and thank heaven, fasting"; the fact that marriage is no longer the chief end of woman, that no woman, nowadays, need marry, as the old time phrase ran, "for a support."

Fifty years ago, in his "Hour's Talk About Woman," W. H. Milburn summed up the callings available to her as: "to sew, to wash, to cook, to teach, and, if possessed of unusual talent and education, to write." These were times when, with every avenue of gainful occupation closed against them, our foremothers had small choice between dependence upon unwilling relatives or marriage with any decent man who was able to provide for a family.

To-day matrimony no longer stands for the bread and butter of daily life. Instead of a necessity which she must accept or starve, it has become a luxury which a woman may take or leave as she chooses. For all doors stand open to her, and she is at full liberty to earn a livelihood in any pursuit for which she has the skill and the ability, physical and mental. Thanks to the amended legislation of the last generation, to say nothing of the present, a woman in any civilized country is no longer in any sense a chattel. Therefore, even though she may not, excepting in utter defiance of public opinion, choose her husband, in the sense of faring forth to woo and to win, it is hers, indisputably, to choose whom she will not be wife to—a power of choice which is frequently of more importance than the first, since it is better by many times not to marry at all than to marry badly.

It is one of the mysteries of life, yet none the less an abundantly proved and well known fact, that the woman with many suitors is less likely to marry wisely than she who has fewer offers. Everybody knows the old saying of "going through the woods to pick up a crooked stick," and Hood declares:

It is generally agreed that it is easier for a man to make a suitable choice of a partner for life than it is for a woman. The education of the man secures for him a wider experience than

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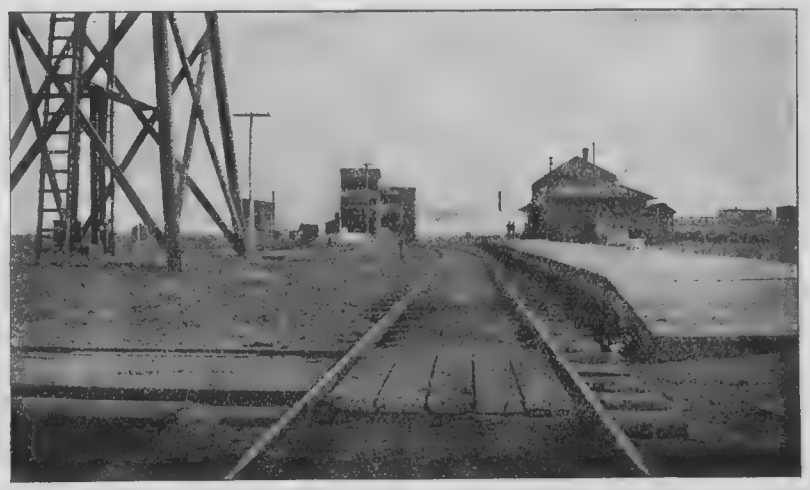
hers, and, also, the man has opportunities of seeing the woman in her own home and in her daily life, which the woman cannot secure as regards the man. Which conclusion, like many another, is one of the half truths which often, because of their plausibility, prove as disastrous as lies. It is almost, if not quite, as easy for a woman to judge of a man's disposition and character as for him to gauge hers. Of course, each, both man and woman, is upon dress parade, so to speak, with company manners, and endeavouring to appear their best. Nevertheless, it requires a degree of self-control which is rarely found in any to wear the mask so adroitly that it shall never slip aside and permit a glimpse of the personality underneath. Generally there are plenty of opportunities before marriage, unless the period of courtship is foolishly brief, for one to find out, or at least shrewdly to guess, what manner of man or woman one is thinking of taking for better or worse. "Straws show which way the wind blows"; and there are always small signs for those who understand their significance and who are not wilfully blind—little traits which speak plainly to the careful observer, "tricks and manners," eloquent of character, little meannesses which betray a sordid soul within, flashes of temper and the like, which are as the red lights on a railway, sure signals of danger ahead. If one sees such and has not the good sense and self-control to sidetrack, one goes on to disaster, if not total wreck and ruin.



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For instance, there seldom is any excuse for the woman who marries a bad-tempered man, still less a cruel one. An ill-tempered man is dangerous to all around him, and the more cowed and submissive his womankind become, the more unrestrainedly his evil propensities develop. Yet his faults are always more or less obvious. He who is cruel at heart cannot continually simulate kindness of disposition; the fountain must occasionally send forth its bitter waters. The man who kicks his dog probably will be churlish to his wife. The suitor who shows his impatience when his fiancee keeps him waiting, who is uncivil to, and inconsiderate of, servants; careless to old people; who loses his temper over a game of tennis or golf, will grow worse in after life, and it will be his wife who must bear the brunt of his ill-temper.

No woman in her sober senses would deliberately marry a drunkard, yet otherwise sensible women willingly become the wives of men whom they know to be intemperate, trusting to their promises to reform; promises which are seldom, if ever, kept; and few women in love with a moderate drinker hesitate to take the risk that occasional intemperance may become habitual later on.

Perhaps the snare which is most frequently fatal to women is that of the conceited man. Such a one rarely makes a good husband Nor is the reason far to seek. A really conceited man is incapable of genuine affection, for the simple reason that he is so much in love with himself that he has no room in his heart for devotion to any other. True, if his wife reflects credit upon him and gratifies his pride and self-love, he may be pleasant under favorable circumstances, but he is sure to be exacting and selfish. Unfortunately, it is just this type which appeals to young girls, for the man who is vain is always well groomed and well dressed, and being sure of himself and his own powers to charm he is almost always a good talker.

Meanness is with most women an unforgivable sin. Great, indeed, are the miseries of a woman tied for life to a miserly husband, and, though extravagance brings terrible evils in its train, the extravagant husband is preferable to the stingy one, since the extravagant fellow often has a sunny, cheerful disposition, while his opposite is usually cold and hard, even unfeeling. Still, one cannot always distinguish between meanness and wise economy, and it is well not to judge hastily. She was a wise woman who refused a wealthy, and otherwise highly eligible, suitor whom she had made up her mind to accept because he allowed herself and her sister to walk several blocks in a driving storm after a matinee, to the ruin of their suits and the risk of their health, rather than take the carriage which he could well have afforded. On the other hand, a clerk on a small salary who is lavish of cabs and bouquets is by no means safe to "tie to" as an anchor for the future.

Probably most, certainly many, mistakes in marriages come from the fact that people are in too great haste to wed. They who marry in a hurry too often fulfill the proverb and repent the act through all the leisure of their after lives. It is true that when a man asks a woman to marry him he pays her the highest compliment possible; but when a woman accepts such a proposal she ought to remember that she is confiding her whole future, for weal or woe, to the keeping of the man whom she takes to be her wedded husband. No woman who possesses a fortune would think, unless she was out of her mind, of placing it for investment into the hands of a man of whom she knew no more than that he was good looking and agreeable to talk to. Yet every year there are hundreds of women who trust something far more valuable than money, their life's happiness, to the keeping of men of whose real character they know little or nothing. Afterwards, poor souls, they wonder what they have done to deserve the unhappiness which in most cases is their lot.

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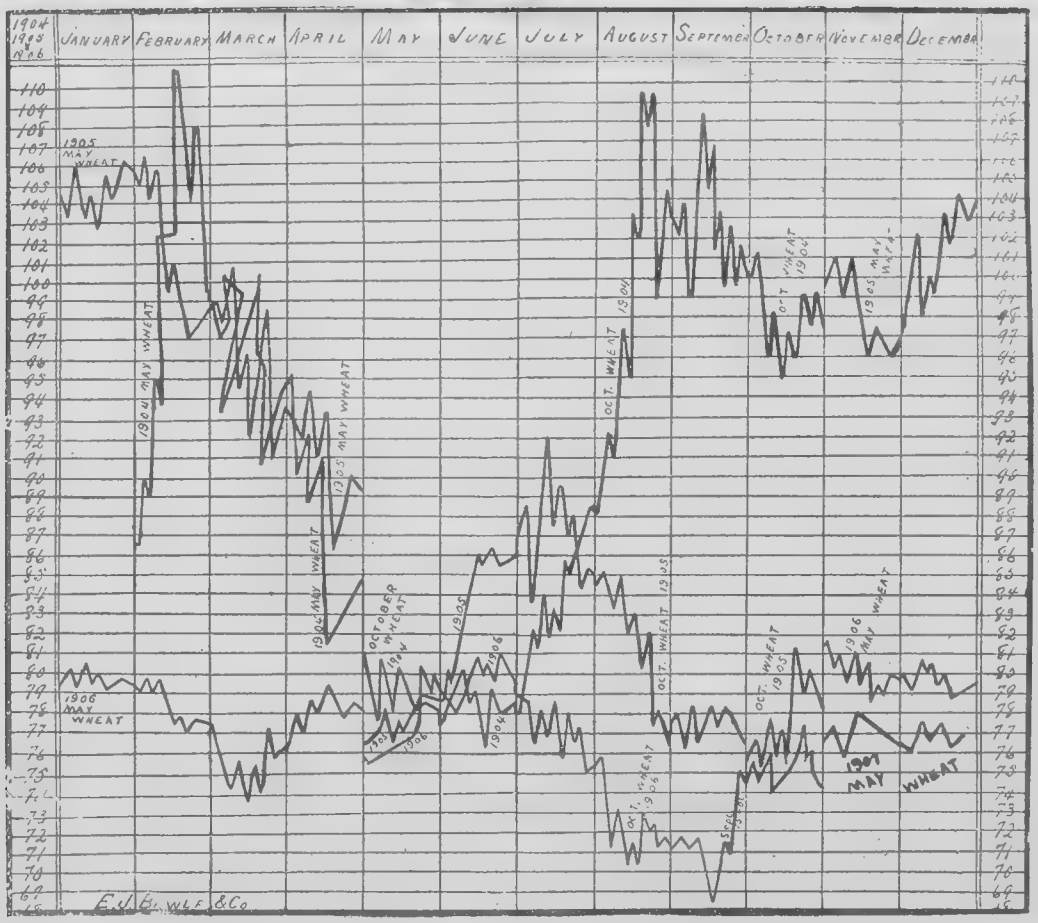

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In a dying world don't spend too much time on ruffles and killing flies. Your children's bodies are of more value than fine clothes, lace curtains, or Brussels carpets; and their minds and souls are of eternal worth. See that your children are happy while they are under the parent roof. It does a great deal better to laugh over some domestic mishaps than to cry or scold over them. It is well to turn off an impatient question sometimes, and to regard it from a humorous point of view, instead of becoming irritated about it.

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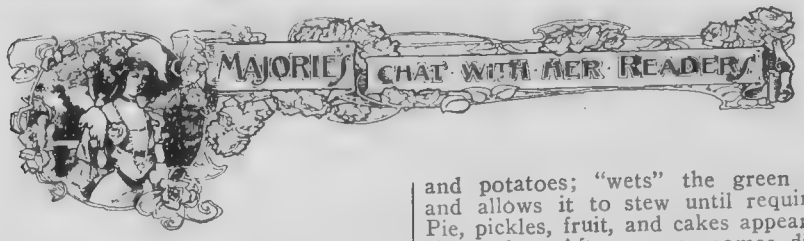

I think we have by now settled down to our usual daily routine of work, after Christmas festivities. And we in Western Canada, I feel sure, have never enjoyed a happier or a merrier Christmas. Young hearts have been made glad beyond expression by the quantities of Christmas presents that were bestowed unexpectedly upon them. The sick and aged have been this year especially well cared for—and what has been done for the poor would take up columns of this journal were I to go into particulars of what I myself have seen. But it is not of the poor—or of the sick—or of the aged that I am writing of to-day; but of that wonderful being—that builder of the Empire; The Western Canadian Woman.

To the Western Woman it means another year of hard ceaseless toil and labour, and also a year of happiness that hard work and willing hearts bring in its train. For, I believe, nowhere, as in the West, do women work so hard, and nowhere in Canada are there happier and better housewives than here in the glorious West. On all sides there is nothing shown but success, and so long as our women continue as they are to-day; thrifty—healthy—and actively happy, seldom feeling satisfied that they have done enough, Western Canada will continue in its great and rapid strides of stupendous success.

It is a true, if somewhat hackneyed saying that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Too much cannot be said in praise of Western Canadian women, their work and their hobbies. Speaking on this subject, that somewhat erratic English writer, "Ella Darlington," after skipping through Canada wrote a strong article for the London Morning Leader on "Colonial Women's Work." Miss Darlington commenced her article by saying: "Sometime ago I read in an article of Miss Constance Barniesat's in the Morning Leader the dictum that useful training for colonial life amounts to this—that you become a first-class general servant." And I exclaimed, "How remarkably this understates the case as regards Canada!"

She continues—For no English "general" would stop a day in a situation where such work was required of her as the Canadian colonial requires of his wife. Miss Darlington then quotes from two cases that she herself witnessed. She says: "Mrs. Smith is the wife of a well-to-do farmer. His broad acres and his apple orchard breathe prosperity. His house is big and substantial, and his barns spacious. Three sons are at home, two he has set up with farms in the North-West. One daughter is married. The other has rebelled at farm work and "paw's" stinginess, and gone to the city to work as a hotel waitress. So Mrs. Smith has everything to herself. Smith could well afford $15 a month for a hired girl, but he would consider it wanton extravagance to keep a wife whose every moment was not employed. On a Monday morning in June, Mrs. Smith is up at half-past four, picking strawberries for market with the assistance of her school-boy son. She then milks four cows, helps to put the milk through the separator, feeds the calves and pigs with the separated milk, takes the cream to her cellar and gets breakfast of porridge, bacon, eggs, and potatoes. Before sitting down she fills the wash-boiler and sets it on the stove.

The rest of the weeks work—Dishes washed and chickens fed she starts the weekly wash, which includes some very grimy overalls worn by the men at work. Dinner is on the table at twelve. Dish-washing, hanging out the clothes, and clearing up follows. She puts on a clean apron, makes the beds and sits down to pick over some berries. These she preserves before supper at six for which she makes a hot cake and gives more bacon, eggs and potatoes; "wets" the green tea and allows it to stew until required. Pie, pickles, fruit, and cakes appear at all meals. After supper comes dish-washing, milking, separating the milk and carefully cleaning with hot water the numerous cylinders which make up the separator. The clothes are sprinkled and folded, and bread sponge is prepared for baking on the morrow. Then, by way of recreation and rest, Mrs. Smith sits down to darn a few socks. Each day has the same routine, except that instead of washing, it is ironing and baking on Tuesday, churning and butter-making on Wednesday, sweeping out the whole house (wnich includes a seldom-used dining-room and drawing-room) and weeding the garden on Thursday, scrubbing cleaning and polishing on Friday, and on Saturday another batch of bread and a big baking of pies and cakes, and picking and preparing of chickens for Sunday's dinner. Besides this daily work, there is curing of meat, pickling and storing to be done, and at harvesting and threshing times there are ten men instead of three to cook for and wash up after. Mrs. Smith does her dress-making. In March she does all her house-cleaning, and papers, paints and whitewashes when necessary.

The second housewife she visited was equally as hard worked; and Miss Darlington tells us she found her quite by accident. This poor woman had time for nothing. She had three chronic ailments, any one of which—continues the writer—would excuse a middle-class woman at home from all work but the lightest. This woman married at 19, and had her first child in a one-roomed log shack, lacking all comforts and most necessaries. She had neither nurse nor doctor. The latter was then 20 miles away and the expense of having him was considered too much by the thrifty Canadian husband. The results of neglect at that time are with her to-day, and at 36 she is prematurely old and worn out. She is, however, a plucky little weasel of a woman, with a sharp tongue, a ready wit, and an indomitable spirit that will carry her through till she drops.

I must congratulate Miss Ella Darlington on her article in many respects. It is clear, concise, and decidedly to the point. She leaves no room for argument or doubt of any kind—from her standpoint. But we, we who are fixtures in Western Canada, know perfectly well that, although granting it may be possible the two specified cases are correct, they are extraordinary and very individual ones. I grant that our Western wives work, and work hard, but that is the case on all farms, if successful. And usually in farm houses the occupants are rough and ready in their daily habits. Consequently, the housewife can get through more work than when housework and cookery are—as is often the case—in their daintiness and decoration, brought to a fine art.

Miss Darlington makes a sweeping statement when she says that these women have been taught to expect nothing from the position of wife but to be drudges, money-earners, and "raisers" of large families. With all due respect for Miss Darlington's article, I consider she has taken a very exaggerated view of the position of the Canadian farmer's wife. No doubt she was sent here by the Press to find out exactly how things stand.

If such reports as these are continually circulated in England, no wonder the right sort of young women Canada requires are somewhat tardy at venturing out here. The majority of our Western farmers' wives are quite as happy as any other wives; they love their work and realize the importance of what they are doing.

They are helping mightily to build up a country that will have its foundation built upon a rock of strength: and it is to these women that we are grateful, not only for doing their best, but for giving their all.

In my opinion our Western Canadian wives are amongst the highest of our Canadian women.

Canadian Women in General.

Can we say better of the Canadian woman than this—wherever the Canadian man labors and hopes, whatever his ambitions and aspirations, we find her beside him, help-meet and comrade, indomitable and enegetic, constant and trusty. In such a land as this, its dim horizon widening daily with new opportunities, its pioneer life fast bringing the responsibilities of broader sympathy and deeper intellectual life, surely here, if in any land, lies a woman's sphere. When Jacques Cartier's lazy prows slowly rounded the long St. Lawrence curve below St. Helen's Isle, we have no record of any woman playing a part in the drama which he opened upon this gigantic stage, and the reason is obvious—cruder implements were needed for the work.

And yet can it be said that the unconquerable spirit which animated his breast is greater than that which inspires and encourages to-day, and is shared and fostered by the uplifting influence of the real Canadian woman?

To her shrine her husband looks, and it is for her to see that he does not look in vain. The opportunity and responsibility have come, as they always do, hand in hand, and in welcoming the one he must not be blind to the other. With the increasing complexity of our lives, the responsibilities always increase, the unavoidable ones which must be faced, and perhaps the best way to meet them is not to magnify the importance of minor matters, but to establish a clear basis of comparative values and be guided by it.

The chief characteristic of the Canadian woman is alert self-reliance, a legacy from those brave souls who faced the terrors of isolation, and whose lives hung upon unceasing vigilance and steady nerves, who had been dropped into the silent wilderness as a stone into a pool.

Out of the reliance came that self-adaptability to time and circumstances, which is no less valuable than courage, which is, in fact, its complement. Conditions change and events move rapidly in these our latter days, and to be fully equipped we must be ready to turn in their direction some facet of a many-sided and clean-cut individuality. This calls for another attribute which the Canadian woman may fairly claim and that is a promptness of decision in such matters as they have to decide.

The Canadian woman will always be able to "hold her own" wherever she goes and in my humble opinion, that's something to be proud of.

The World is Round.

By A. E. Housman.

White in the moon the long road lies,
The moon stands blank above,
White in the moon the long road lies
That leads me from my love.

Still hangs the hedge without a gust,
Still, still the shadows stay:
My feet upon the moonlit dust
Pursue the ceaseless way.

The world is round, so travellers tell,
And straight though reach the track,
Trudge on, trudge on, 'twill all be well
The way will guide one back,

But ere the circle homeward hies
Far, far must it remove:
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Novelty is as much sought in children's frocks as in dresses for the woman of fashion. A charming little dress in India linen is pictured, tucked and inset with Valenciennes lace. The yoke is unusual in design and one which may be trimmed in very unique fashion. The short harrow tucks below the yoke in front are back are very pleasing and regulate the fulness of the skirt. These small dresses involve so little labor and are such a delight to fashion that the particular mother realizes that she can make much prettier ones than she can buy. For the medium size 2 yards of 36-inch material are needed. 4048—sizes 1 to 6 years, price 15c.

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4063—SOME PRACTICAL GARMENTS FOR THE BABY.

Baby's wardrobe need not be so fashionable, but it must be all-sufficient, as tiny people need the utmost care and thought expended on their appareling. With this in view, the outfit shown may prove useful as a suggestion to the home sewer. The dress has a deep square yoke and may be as simple or elaborate as desired. The kimono is here, short or long, as one wishes, and

may be made of French flannel or cashmere. Babies are very easily affected by the changes in temperature, and for this reason must wear these small sacks most of the time as protection against draughts. The cape hood is most valuable, as it protects the head and back and keeps away all cold from the small neck, which with the regulation cap is likely to be exposed. This may be made of cashmere or any warm soft fabric. For the dress 2½ yards of material 36 inches wide are needed; for the wrapper 1⅞ yards, ⅝ for the sack and 1 for the hood. 4063—one size, price 15c.

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The straight hanging box coat is considered the best style for small maidens, inasmuch as it will serve for any purpose, go on over any frock without crushing it, and is simple enough for youthful wearers. A vast amount of style is expressed in the well-cut box coat, and the one shown is double-breasted—a mode which gives the appearance of vigor and robustness to

small wearers. The neck may be closed snugly to the throat with a shield having a low standing collar, or it may be worn without this accessory as well as the rolling collar. The cuffs are of the smart turnback variety which appear grotesquely fetching about small hands. The buttons may match the trimming of collar and cuffs, or the material of the coat itself. For the medium size, 2 yards of 54-inch goods are needed. 4066—sizes 4 to 12 years, price 15c.

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6712—LADIES' FRENCH NIGHT GOWN.

Some of the most dainty effects have been realized in night dresses which

slip over the head, as no opening intercepts the scheme of adornment and the neck can be drawn in to suit the wearer. A charming little gown of this kind is pictured. The fulness of the front is regulated at the neck edge by a ribbon drawn through eyelets or a beading. The back has a yoke, to which the skirt part is gathered, while the sleeves are loose and very graceful. These might be drawn in with ribbon also if desired. A fine nainsook or longcloth may serve as material, of which 5½ yards are needed. 6702—sizes 32, 36, 40, 44 inches bust measure; price 15c.

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6717—A HOUSEWIFE'S SET.

What a feeling of luxury one has when donning an apron, cap and sleeves which cover one so completely from the dust and dirt necessary to housework! Nothing was ever invented by Mistress Fashion which was half so valuable to a woman as this same apron. The apron shown hangs straight from the top with increasing breadth

as it reaches the lower edge. Pockets are found very useful in these work-a-day garments, and they are here in generous proportions. The sleeves may be worn only when desired, being held in place by elastic at the top. The cap is a round one, and this too has an elastic to hold it on the head. Gingham, percale, or lawn may serve as material, and 6¼ yards, 36 inches wide are needed for the set. 6717 comes in one size, price 15c.

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6721, 6722—A UTILITY FROCK.

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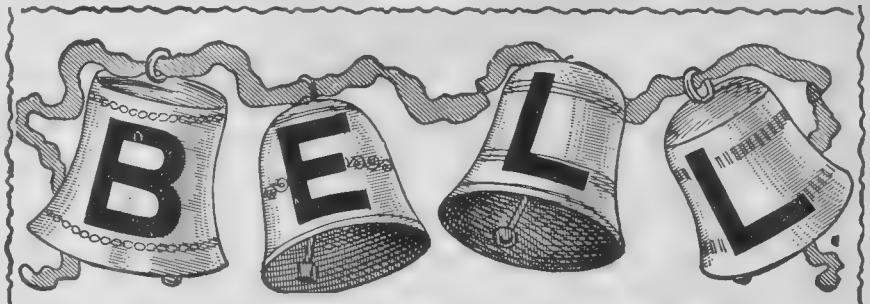

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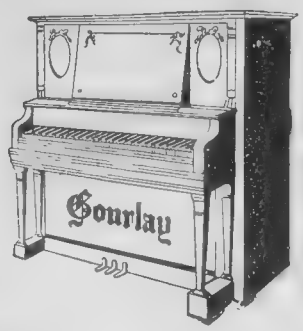

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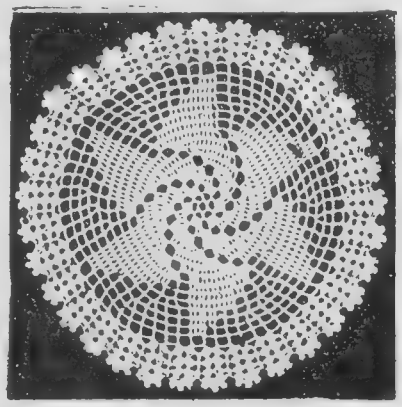
Chain 6, join.

1. Chain 5, * a treble in ring, chain 2, repeat from * 4 times, and join to 3rd of 5 chain.

2. Slip-stitch in 1st space, chain 3 for a treble, 3 trebles in same space, * chain 2, 4 trebles in next space, repeat from * 4 times, chain 2, and join to top of 3 chain.

3. Slip-stitch to 3rd treble, chain 3, treble in next treble and 4 in space following, * chain 2, miss 2 of 4 trebles, a treble in each of next 2 trebles and 4 in space, repeat from * around, then chain 2 and join to top of 3 chain.



Horn of Plenty Doily.

4. Slip-stitch to 3rd treble, chain 3, a treble in each treble following and 4 in space, * chain 2, miss 2 trebles, a treble in each treble following and 4 in space, repeat around, then chain 2 and join to top of 3 chain.

5, 6, 7, 8. Like 4th row, increasing the trebles by 2 each row. The eighth row will have 16 trebles in each horn.

9. Chain 3, 13 trebles in 13 trebles, missing last 2, chain 2, a treble in last treble, chain 2, * 14 trebles in 14 trebles, chain 2, a treble in last treble, chain 2, repeat from *, joining to top of 3 chain.

10. Chain 3, 11 trebles in 11 trebles, chain 2, a treble in last treble, chain 2, a treble in next treble, chain 2, * 12 trebles in 12 trebles, chain 2, miss 1 treble, a treble in next, chain 2, a treble in next treble, chain 2, repeat from * around and join to top of 3 chain.

11. Chain 3, 9 trebles in 9 trebles, * chain 2, miss 1, a treble in next, chain 2, a treble under 2 chain, chain 2, a treble in next treble, chain 2, 10 trebles in 10 trebles, and continue from * around, joining after last 2 chain to top of 3 chain which stands for 1st treble.

12. Chain 3, 7 trebles in 7 trebles, * chain 2, miss 1, a treble in next, chain 2, a treble in next treble, chain 2, a treble under 2 chain, chain 2, a treble in treble, (chain 2, a teble in next treble) twice, chain 2, 8 trebles in 8 trebles; repeat from * around, and join to top of 3 chain after last 2 chain.

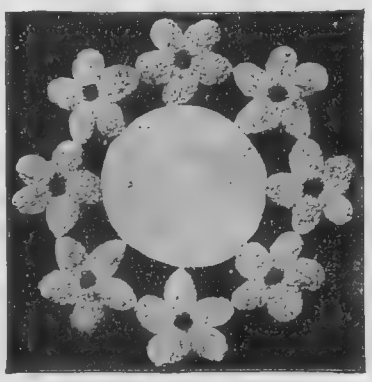
13. Chain 3, 5 trebles in 5 trebles, * chain 2, miss 1 treble, a treble in next, chain 2, a treble in next treble, chain 2, a treble under 2 chain, (chain 2, a treble in next treble) 5 times, chain 2, 6 trebles in 6 trebles; repeat from * around and join last 2 chain top of 3 chain.

14. Chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 2, miss 1, a treble in next treble, (chain 2, a treble in next treble) 8 times, chain 2, 4 trebles in 4 trebles, repeat from * around, joining after last 2 chain to top of 3 chain.

15. Chain 6, a treble in last of 4 trebles, (chain 3, a treble in next treble) 10 times, chain 3, miss 2 trebles, a treble in next, repeat around, joining to 3rd of 6 chain.

16. A single in 1st space, chain 3, 2 trebles, 2 chain and 3 trebles in same space, * chain 1, miss next space, shell of 3 trebles, 2 chain and 3 trebles in next, repeat around, joining last 1 chain to top of 3 chain.

17. Chain 3, * shell in shell, a treble under 1 chain; repeat around, and join to top of 3 chain.



A Dainty Mat.

18. Chain 3, * shell in shell, treble in treble; repeat around, join.

19. * make (2 trebles in shell, chain 4, fasten in top of last treble to form a picot) 3 times, 2 trebles in same shell, fasten with 1 double in treble between shells, repeat from * around, joining last shell where 1st one starts.

By continuing the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th rows, thus making larger "horns" before beginning to decrease, and adding two or more rows of spaces before beginning the border, which may also be wider, you will have a handsome and durable centerpiece, cover for round organ stool, or similar purpose.

Forget-Me-Not Lace.

Make a chain of 66 stitches, turn.

1. Miss 11, 4 trebles in next 4 stitches (forming a block), (chain 2, miss 2, a treble in next, forming a space) 17 times, turn.

2. Chain 5, treble on treble, to make the first space at top of lace, 6 spaces, 1 block, 10 spaces, a shell of 4 trebles, 2 chain and 4 trebles under chain loop at end of row, turn.

3. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain in shell of last row, 11 spaces, 7 blocks, 1 space, turn. It will be understood that a single block consists of 4 trebles, counting those that form the side of preceding and following spaces, 2 blocks of 7 trebles, 3 blocks of 10 trebles, 4 of 13 trebles, and so on.

4. Chain 5, miss 2 chain, 1 block, (2 spaces, 1 block) twice, 12 spaces, shell under chain loop, turn.

5. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain, 15 spaces, 3 blocks, 1 space, 1 block, 1 space, turn.

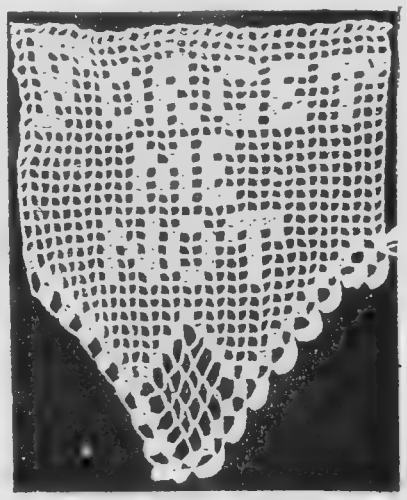
6. Chain 5, miss 2 chain, 1 block, 20 spaces, shell under chain, turn.

7. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain, 20 spaces, 2 blocks, 1 space, turn.

8. Chain 5, 24 spaces, shell under chain, turn.

9. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain, 6 spaces, 5 blocks, 8 spaces, 3 blocks, 4 spaces, turn.

10. Chain 5 (3 spaces, 1 block) twice, 8 spaces, 1 block, 9 spaces, shell under chain, turn.



Forget-me-not Lace.

11. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain, 9 spaces, 1 block, 9 spaces, (1 block, 3 spaces twice, turn.

12. Make 4 spaces (beginning the row with 5 chain, 3 of which represent the 1st treble, always), 4 blocks, 2 spaces, 5 blocks, 4 spaces, 1 block, 7 spaces, 1 block, chain 5, shell under loop at end of row, turn.

13. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain, chain 5, double under 5 chain, chain 5, miss 3 trebles, 1 block, 5 spaces, 5 blocks, 4 spaces, 1 block, 10 spaces, turn.

14. Make 3 spaces, 5 blocks, 3 spaces, 2 blocks, 11 spaces, 1 block, (chain 5, fast under 5 chain) twice, chain 5, shell under chain loop, turn.

15. Chain 8, 4 trebles under 2 chain, (chain 5, fasten under 5 chain) 3 times, chain 5, miss 3 trebles, 1 block, 4 spaces, 1 block, 1 space, 1 block, 3 spaces, turn.

16. Make 3 spaces, (2 blocks, 1 space) twice, 5 blocks, 1 space, 1 block, 3 spaces, 1 block, 2 spaces, 1 block, (chain 5, fasten under 5, chain) 4 times, chain 5, shell under chain at end of row, turn.

17. Work along with single in each stitch to center of shell, chain 3, 3 trebles under same 2 chain, 4 trebles under 5 chain following, (chain 5, fasten under next 5 chain) 3 times, chain 5, 3 trebles under next 5 chain and 1 in 1st treble following, forming a block, (3 spaces, 1 block) twice, 7 spaces, 1 block, 7 spaces, turn.

18. Make 9 spaces, 5 blocks, 2 spaces, 3 blocks, 5 spaces, 3 trebles under 5 chain, forming a block, counting the treble used to finish last space, (chain 5, fasten under 5 chain) twice, chain 5, 3 trebles under 5 chain and 1 in treble following, chain 5, fasten between 2 blocks of last row, turn.

19. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, a treble in last of 4 trebles and 3 under 5 chain, chain 5, fasten under 5 chain, chain 5, 3 trebles under next 5 chain and 1 in treble following, 11 spaces, (1 block, 1 space) twice, 1 block, 2 spaces, 3 blocks, 4 spaces, turn.

20. (3 spaces, 1 block) twice, 1 space, 1 block, 3 spaces, 1 block, 1 space, 2 blocks, 9 spaces, 1 block (placing 3 trebles under 5 chain), chain 5, 3 trebles under next 5 chain and 1 in a treble, chain 5, fasten under 2 chain, turn.

21. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, 4 trebles under 5 chain, 11

spaces, 1 block, 7 spaces (1 block, 3 spaces) twice, turn.

22. Make 3 spaces, 1 block, 2 spaces, 2 blocks, 7 spaces, 5 blocks, 6 spaces, 1 block, chain 5, fasten under 2 chain, turn.

23. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, 1 block, 9 spaces, 1 block, 15 spaces, turn.

24. Make 3 spaces, 5 blocks, 7 spaces, 2 blocks, 7 spaces, 1 block, chain 5, fasten under 2 chain, turn.

25. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, 1 block, 15 spaces, (1 block, 1 space) twice, 1 block, 3 spaces, turn.

26. (3 spaces, 1 block) twice, 14 spaces, 1 block, chain 5, fasten under 2 chain, turn.

27. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, 1 block, 21 spaces, turn.

28. Make 3 spaces, 2 blocks, 15 spaces, 1 block, chain 5, fasten under 2 chain, turn.

29. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, 1 block, 15 spaces, 1 block, 3 spaces, turn.

30. Make 3 spaces, 5 blocks, 10 spaces, 1 block, chain 5, fasten as before, turn.

31. Chain 3, 8 trebles under 5 chain, chain 2, 1 block, 13 spaces, 1 block, 3 spaces, turn.

32. Make 3 spaces, 2 blocks, 13 spaces, 1 block, chain 8, turn.

33. Make 1 block, 17 spaces, turn.

Repeat from 2nd row. If preferred, both sides of the point may be made in a similar way, by making on the even rows, as the point begins to increase, 5 chain, fasten in 4th treble of scallop in last row, turn, chain 3, 8 trebles under chain, 1 space, 1 block, and so on.

The lace makes a very pretty trimming for a "Christmas apron" or any similar article.

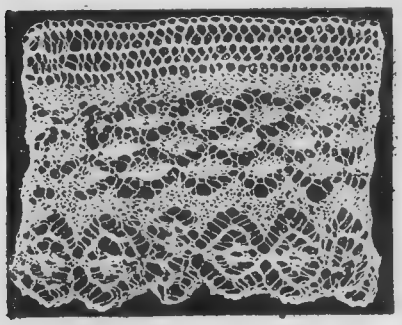
Normandy Leaf Lace.

Cast on 38 stitches, knit across plain.

1. (Over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 2, slip, narrow and bind, knit 2, over, knit, knit 1, over knit 2, slip, narrow and bind, knit 2, over, narrow, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 3, over, knit 2.

2. Knit 2, over, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 4, purl 15, knit 3, (over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times.

3. (Over twice. purl 2 together) 3 times, knit 4, over, knit 1, slip, narrow and bind, knit 1, over, knit 3, over, knit 1, slip, narrow and bind, knit



Normandy Leaf Lace.

1, over, knit 4, over, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 1, over, knit 2.

4. Knit 2, over, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 3, over, narrow, purl 13, knit. 2, (over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times.

5. (Over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times, knit 5, (over, slip, narrow and bind, over, knit 5) twice, over, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 1, over, knit 2.

6. Knit 2, over, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knet 3, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 3, purl 11, knit 5, (over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times.

7. (Over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times, knit 6, over, knit 1, over, knit 2, slip, narrow and bind, knit 2, over, knit 1, over, knit 6, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 3, (narrow, over, knit 1) twice, narrow.

8. Bind off 1, (knit 1, over, narrow) twice, (knit 1, narrow, over) twice, knit 7, purl 11, knit 6, (over twice, purl 2 together) twice.

10. Knit 2, over, narrow, knit 3, narrow, over, knit 8, purl 13, knit 5, (over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times.

11. (Over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times, knit 3, narrow, over, knit 5, over, slip, narrow and bind, over, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 7, over, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 3.

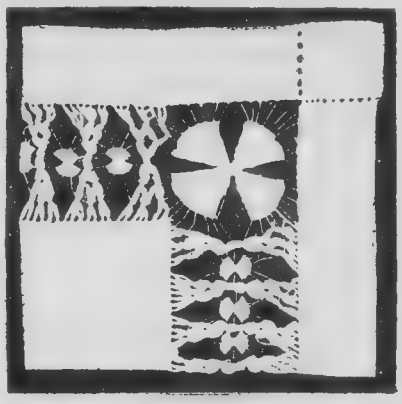
12. Bind off 2, knit 1, over, knit 3 together, over, knit 7, narrow, purl 15, knit 4, (over twice, purl 2 together) 3 times.

Repeat from 1st row.

This lace is beautiful for handkerchief borders, knitted of No. 100 or 150 thread, or of No. 900 ball thread. The linen lace thread on spools, No. 250, also makes a beautiful, fine lace, filmy as a cobweb.

Drawnwork Centerpiece.

Take a piece of linen, 18 x 18 inches, or as large as required, leave 2 inches for hem, draw 3 threads, turn hem and hemstitch neatly, draw 2 inches (more or less according to width of border required, buttonholing corners neatly, knot-chain along both edges of the drawn space, then knot through center of space, taking 6 strands to a cluster. One-eighth inch above the center knotting, knot again, pass across 1st knotting thread, knot next cluster ⅛ inch below 1st knotting, and so on. One-fourth inch above and below the last knotting carry a 4th knotting thread along from cluster to cluster, knotting into 2 groups, first above, then below, and ¼ inch from this another, knotting each cluster into 3 groups. Knot all threads in center of space between clusters, weaving a tiny, fan-shaped figure over the threads, back and forth, above and below center. Knot corner threads in center and weave the bell-shaped figure in same way.



Drawnwork Centrepiece.

Tatted Doily.

Use any number of thread, silk, linen or cotton, according to the use to which the doily is to be put.

1. Begin in the center with 1 double knot, 1 picot, (2 double knots, 1 picot) 7 times, 1 double knot, close and tie.

2. Make 3 double knots, join to picot of center ring, 3 double knots, close; with 2 threads, make a chain of (2 double knots, 1 picot) 5 times, 2 double knots. Continue making rings and chains until you have 8 of each, alternating, joining each ring to picot of center ring.

3. * Make 4 double knots, join to 2nd picot of chain in last row, 4 double knots, close; make a chain of (2 double knots, 1 picot) 3 times, 2 double knots. ring of 4 double knots, join to 4th picot of same chain, 4 double knots, close; make another chain, and repeat from * around.

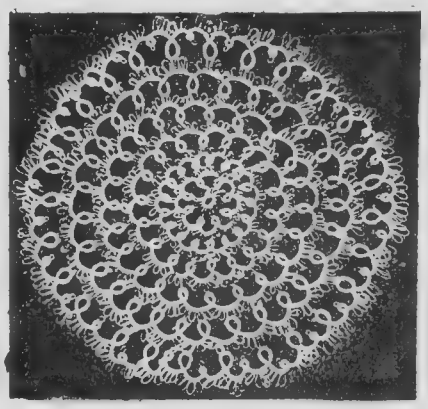
4. Make 6 double knots, join to 2nd picot of chain in last row, 6 double knots, close; make a chain of 3 double knots, 1 picot, (2 double knots, 1 picot) 4 times, 3 double knots; repeat around.

5. * Make 7 double knots, join to middle picot of chain in last row. 7 double knots, close; make a chain of 3 double knots, 1 picot, (2 double knots, 1 picot) 5 times, 3 double knots. Repeat around, joining 2 rings to every 5th or 6th chain in order to keep the work perfectly flat, 1st ring to 2nd and 2nd to 4th picot, with the usual chain between.

6. * Make 8 double knots, join to 3rd picot, 2 double knots, join to next picot of same chain, 8 double knots, close; chain of three double knots, (1 picot, 2 double knots) 5 times, 1 picot, 3 double knots; repeat around, joining 2 rings to every 3rd or 4th chain, as necessary to widen, 1st ring to 1st and 2nd picots, and 2nd to 5th and 6th.

7. * Make 9 double knots, join to 3rd picot of chain in last row, 2 double knots, join to next picot, 9 double knots, close; chain of (2 double knots, 1 picot) 4 times, 2 double knots; ring of 4 double knots, 1 picot, 4 double knots, close; make a chain like preceding one, and repeat from * around.

Very pretty medallions for "insets" in shirt-waists, collar-and-cuff sets, etc., are made of tatting.



Tatted Doily.

"Yes, she is pretty and sweet, but she has no accomplishments."

"No?"

"No; she can neither play the piano, sing, nor dance."

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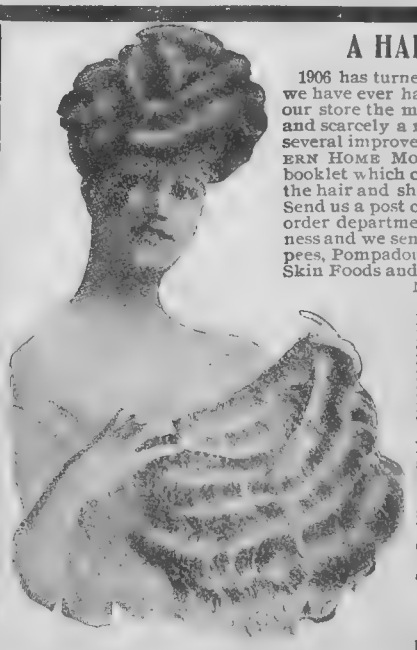

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No. 1.—WORD PUZZLE.

In a word of five letters which is the name of an implement of war or for hunting, find the following, without repeating the same letter in a word:

The juice of a plant; a verb, a plant; a small venomous serpent; a large body of water; equal value; a monkey; a part of the body; a fruit, to peel, to gather; to scorch; lean; to level with the ground; a grammatical term; an epoch; to file; blows.

No. 2.—PROBLEM.

With sixty miles to walk, A starts off at the rate of two miles per hour; B starts at the same time, and walks one mile per hour; when, after walking a certain distance, C takes B's place, and walks four miles per hour, overtaking A at the end of sixty miles. At what distance from the start does C take B's place?

No. 3.—PYRAMID.

Crosswords:
1. Consonant.
2. A liquor.
3. To hunt.
4. A Jewish poet who lived in Spain during the 13th century.
5. A plant.

Left slope, to seize; central, a girl's name; right slope, a girl's name.

4.—PICTORIAL ENIGMA.

The answer to this puzzle is a proverb of five words. Each of the figures underneath the above pictures represents a letter in the word indicated by the figure (thus, 5 denotes a letter in the fifth word of the answer, 2 a letter in the second word, etc.) and each collection of figures represents a word which describes the picture above it. From the seven words thus formed, select and group together all those belonging to the same word of the proverb (according to the numbering beneath the pictures). Then transpose these letters to form the word of the proverb indicated by the figure which the letters bear. (Thus, from the names of the seven pictures, group together all the letters designated by the figure 3 beneath the different pictures, and transpose them to form the third word of the proverb.)

Now, puzzle-solvers, find this familiar proverb.

No. 5.—TRANSPOSITIONS.

In each sentence fill the first blank with a certain word and the second blank with the same word used in a different sense.

1. I saw a——wading the stream near the spot where men were using a——.
2. The——upset a——of water.
3. The——began to——in the man's net.
4. It was in——that the——began.
5. They then began to——the house and found a fine——.
6. An honest man will——to take even a——of what does not belong to him.
7. As I tried to——on the ice I broke the lantern——.
8. I will——for Harry and have him send your——home to-day.
9. That——is entirely——by right of discovery.
10. The dog began to——at the——horse going down the road.

No. 6.—PICTORIAL TRANSPOSITION.

Transpose the letters of the two words expressing the number and name of the objects in the following picture into a single word that will answer to the definition given below the picture.

Lives at the same time with another.

No. 7.—RIDDLE.

Far out at sea with the captain I sail,
His friend and adviser, in the calm and the gale;
In the tent of the soldier, the Baron's proud hall,
Where heroes assemble and men basely fall;
In the chamber of beauty it delights me to dwell.
Though I whisper my warnings in anchorite's cell.
The seen and the unseen 'tis mine to reveal;
I oft speak a truth that men fain would conceal.
I attend in the chapel; I serve at the feast;
I wait on the doctor; I comfort the priest.
I assist at the toilet of mistress and maid;
To the aged and feeble I offer my aid.
The sage in his turret, the dame in her school,
The pope and the patriarch, the student, the fool,
Alike are indebted to me for their light,
Though I keep my best favors for deepest midnight.
I'm a cheat, a delusion, though no one more true;
So transparent, a blockhead may read me all through.
I'm a curse and a blessing, an honor, a shame;
Half of earth's sorrows cast on me their blame.
Though many my counsels are prone to reject,
And none of your scholars can better reflect,
A frail, fragile creature, I die of neglect.

No. 8.—PUZZLE STORY.

Six young ladies who attended the same school were each known by a name that spelt backwards and forwards the same. Near by was a boys' school, where there were three lads known by names which spelt the same either way. On Saturdays, at the time of day spelt both ways alike, the boys and the girls were allowed to play together; and the mistress, whose title is spelt either way the same, often joined in their sports. Sometimes one of the girls would call a little boy by a familiar term, spelt the same either way, and he in turn would address her by another, which was spelt the same either way. One young lady, of a somewhat devout tendency, said she would like to be a woman spelt the same either way, but her companion said she held a different opinion, spelt the same either way. One day, one of the ladies was copying something, spelt the same either way, and another was taking her music-lesson. The latter mistook something that is spelt the same either way, when her teacher uttered an exclamation, spelt both ways alike, and said that he was afraid that something she was using, spelt the same either way, was out of order, although he had seen her using it the other day when sewing on some cloth, spelt backwards and forwards the same. Just then a young gentleman, whose father held an office spelt the same either way, called to say he should like to take her out riding in a vehicle spelled the same either way. Being a little timid, she was inclined to refuse, but he expostulated with her, using a word that is spelt the same either way, assuring her that the horse was gentle, and the roads spelt the same either way.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN DECEMBER NUMBER.

No. 1. Hidden Word Puzzle.—1, Calico. 2, Silk. 3, Merino. 4, Delaine. 5, Alpaca. 6, Gingham. 7, Velvet. 8, Linen.

No. 2. Christmas-Gift Puzzle.—1, Spectacle-case (specked A-clec-ace). 2, Cup and saucer (C upon saucer). 3, Shawl (Sh-awl). 4, Foot-rest. 5, Breast-pin (B-rest-pin). 6, Diary (die-A-rye). 7, Vase (V-ace). 8, Tidy (tied-E). 9, Book-mark. 10, Portemonnaie (P oe'r T-money). 11, Letter-scales (letters K, L. S). 12, Eye-glasses (I-glasses). 13, Pencil-case (pence-L-K's). 14, Easel (E's L). 15, Boa (bow-A). 16, Earrings. 17, Bouquet (bow-K). 18, Locket. 19, Checker-board (checker bored). 20, Club skates (clubs-K-eights). 21, Baseball (B-ace B-awl). 22, Football (Foot B-awl). 23, Jockey Club (Jockey-club). 24, Candy (can-D). 25 and 26 Violin, accordeon (vial in a cord-ion).

No. 3. Abbreviations.—1, Elegy, leg. 2, Grape, rap. 3, Jewel, ewe. 4, Larch, arc. 5, Pasha, ash. 6, Snipe, nip. 7, Steam, tea. 8, Black, lac. 9, Coney, one. 10, Crate, rat. 11, Prune, run.

No. 4, Illustrated Rebus.—"The tired fellow (felloe) wheeled around and spoke out."

No. 5, Problem.—6 chickens, $2.40; 12 dozen eggs, $3.00; 3 bushels of potatoes, $2.10; a total of $7.50.

No. 6, Riddle.—The letter E.

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Temperance Talk.

Two Songs.

A singer sang a song of tears,
And the great world heard and wept,
For he sang of the sorrows of fleeting years
And the hopes which the dead past kept;
And souls in anguish their dead past bore,
And the world was sadder than ever before.

A singer sang a song of cheer,
And the great world whistled and smiled,
For he sang of the love of a Father dear,
And the trust of a little child;
And the souls that before had forgotten to pray
Looked up and went singing along their way.

In the new Chinese army, no opium smoker is accepted.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Army Temperance Association of England, it was reported that there are now 49,000 total abstainers in the British army.

It is said that a hundred thousand infants die every year in England from ignorance and neglect. The drink habit among women is a largely contributing cause.

A Cincinnati hotel-keeper and an enthusiastic prohibitionist, declares he will devote the proceeds of his Alaska mining properties up to $500,000 yearly to the cause of prohibition in the United States.

From July 30, 1904, to July 30, 1905 (wide-open period) there were 30,560 arrests for all crime in St. Louis. In the fiscal year 1905-1906 (law-enforcement, Sunday closing period), arrests for all causes were 26,225, a decrease of 4,335.

An Allegheny clergyman has recently made a special plea to his listeners to exert their influence to put an end to holiday drinking. The appeal is timely. Holiday drinking is an evil sui generis. It claims a wide circle of victims who are not much, if any, addicted to drink at any other time.

Prof. Hans Meyer, of Vienna, has shown by experiments with tadpoles that alcohol and other narcotics act by combining with the lecithin of the brain cells in such a way as to destroy the structure of the cells, and so interfere with the action of the forces which are stored up in normal living cells.

The Russian General Congress of Medical Men, assembled at St. Petersburg, adopted resolutions that a campaign against the evils of alcoholism was not possible because the government owned the spirit monopoly. For this very mild statement many of those involved have been arrested and banished to Siberia.

The evening Tribune and Telegram, of Providence, R. I,. in a recent issue, lamented the fall of the canteen and expressed its contempt for the "mock" reformers of the W.C.T.U., etc. The reason why it did so is evident from its advertising columns, where 112 inches—over five and a half solid columns—of liquor advertising flashed their lurid falsehoods to the Tribune's long-suffering constituency.

There is a famous prescription in use in England for the cure of drunkenness, by which thousands are said to have been assisted in recovering themselves. The recipe is as follows: Five grains of sulphate of iron, ten grains of magnesia, eleven drachms of peppermint water and one drachm of spirits of nutmeg. Dose, teaspoonful twice a day, to be taken in water. This preparation acts as a tonic and stimulant, and so partially supplies the place of accustomed liquor, and prevents the absolute physical and moral prostration that follows a sudden breaking off of the use of stimulating drinks.

She Did.

Admiral Capps, in an address to a temperance society, told how drink had once caused the downfall of a brave soldier.

In the course of the sad story he said:—

"Sometimes, after a debauch, the man would be repentant, humble. He would promise his wife to do better. But, alas! the years taught her the barrenness of all such promises.

And one night when he was getting to be an old man—a prematurely old man, thin limbed, stoop shouldered, with red-rimmed eyes—he said to his wife, sadly:

"'You're a clever woman, Jenny; a courageous, active, good woman. You should have married a better man than I am, dear.'"

"She looked at him and, thinking of what he had been, she answered in a quiet voice:

"'I did, James.'"

True Charity.

Miss Evangeline C. Booth, daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army, interested a large audience in New York with tales of her life in the slums of London. Dressed in rags—a tartan shawl, tattered print skirt and broken-heeled shoes laced with string—Miss Booth told how she had gone among the poor to lead their life. The good results of this slum work is best illustrated by some of the stories Miss Booth told. For instance:

"I was sitting one night in my little room, when the door opened and a woman walked in. She sat down by the fire without a word. I let her alone, because I knew she was in trouble. Finally she said:

"'They say she died of cancer, but it's a lie! He done it with his fist. He's drunk now. 'Cos why? Minnit she died he come in an tuk the clothes off the baby an put 'em up the spout.'"

The audience forgot all about its being a religious meeting. Somewhere, unseen, a violin was sighing Handel's "Largo." Miss Booth, still acting the ragged role of Soho, went on to tell how she put on her shawl and went to the cellar where the mother was dead. She did not dwell upon the morbid side of it, but said she found two children, too little to talk much, curled up together on the damp floor. She took them to a room, where she bathed them, gave them warm milk, and dressed them like little angels in white "nighties."

"Suppose he comes after them?" suggested Mi Booth.

Three days later he came, very drunk and profane. Miss Booth tackled him. He proposed to wring her neck and other things. Miss Booth told him he would not get his babies, but he might see them. She led him upstairs to the room, and showed him the babies—their hair combed out, their faces shining with soap and water, both curled up in bed. The man swore hard for two minutes; then stopped short, burst into tears, and said:

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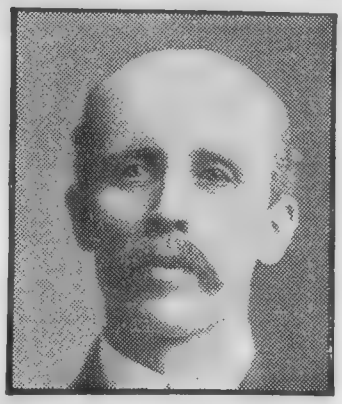

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Among the Flowers.

THE CARDINAL FLOWER.

The Rose and the Lily have faded for ever,
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But still in the lush-grass which borders the river
I see the red hat of the Cardinal Flower.

The drum of a partridge I hear in the thicket,
The leaves of the maple descend in a shower;
There's a rustle of boughs, and the chirp of a cricket,
And then the red hat of the Cardinal Flower.

How proudly he towers o'er the plebeian grasses,
So noble, so haughty, so full of disdain;
A hillock his throne is—in tufted bog masses,
And the birds and the squirrels are guests in his train.

Ah, surely no lord of the church of the Roman
Was ever more royally splendid to see;
For God has attired this plant of the low land
That no churchman's vestment could handsomer be.

—Arthur H. Goodenough.

A HARDY WINDOW WINTER GARDEN.

It is not enough to have flowers all summer. We want them all winter. There are thousands of readers of this paper whose eyes ache for some beauty to relieve the monotony of the long and dreary winter, who think it is utterly impossible to raise house plants because they are so tender. Their houses are not warm, and if the fire goes out they are killed. Cyclamens, Fuchsias, Geraniums and foliage plants are very sensitive to the cold. We have known pitiful attempts made by poor women to save their pets, often tons of coal are used extra for a few plants, and on a cold night all are carefully covered up, and yet some blizzard will come along, defying all precaution and there is a sad plant funeral to follow. All this care can be easily avoided by planting hardy flowers.

In the spring, even when the earth is frozen and there is snow on the ground, you will see the outdoor Tulips, Hyacinths and Narcissus, smiling through the snow, with delicate petals frozen, "rejoicing in tribulation," and scorning to be troubled by such small trials as snow and frost can bring.

There are no more beautiful flowers than these hardy ones. In the house they put on more delicate colorings. We watch with intense delight these lovely companions as they make their toilet before us.

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You can get them for 50 cents to $1.00 per dozen. You do not have to send for pots of earth with tender plants which must be handled so carefully. They can come by mail. If the weather is cold, don't worry; they will stand it. Their mission is "to endure hardness."

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The Preparation.

Any time before the ground freezes, or even after, you can take flower pots or tin cans or boxes. If you can take a can or pot, put in one bulb in good rich earth, cover it about an inch deep. You may have a dozen or a hundred if you like for shelves or tables before your south windows. After filling your cans or pots it is well to put them where they can freeze—not too hard—then bring into a dark cellar where the thermometer will be about 40 to 60. Leave them there till the shoots appear, then bring them up and place on your shelves or tables and see them grow, and in February or earlier you will have a garden of delight, and the effect on a lady shut up to the monotony of a prairie home will be wonderful. She will have the aristocrats of the floral world, and she can visit with them, treat them as guests and they will generously respond to her care. Suppose the fire goes out and they are touched with the frost, it does not kill them as it does the foliage plants. Suppose they sit side by side, see the difference; some are dead and the others are smiling.

Out Door Planting.

These hardy flowers of which I am speaking do well out of doors. They are the glad harbingers of spring. You can plant them any time before the ground freezes, put them in rows, 12 to 18 inches apart, and 6 inches apart in the row. Have good rich ground, well pulverized; plant them about six inches deep, being careful to put light earth and not stiff, heavy clay over them. It is well to throw on about six inches of coarse manure, which you rake off just before they come up. After the tops have ripened, along in June you can take them up, dry them and lay aside for fall planting, or if the ground is high and dry you can leave them without disturbance another year. Some leave them for a number of years. In one instance they reproduced themselves for thirty years without being moved. Of course, you get the best results from imported bulbs. These are larger and finer than any you can grow.

After they flower the bulbs will grow and divide and are not as large or prolific as at first, and yet they are of too much value to be discarded.

We trust these directions are so minute that a little girl can follow them. It is not too late. Even if the ground is frozen, bring in a lump and thaw it and plant your bulbs. Most of the leading florists keep them. The mail brings them to your door, and you can easily do the rest. Be sure and give them plenty of water, but don't deluge them.

HYACINTHS FOR WINTER BLOOMING FOR AMATEURS.

I buy my Hyacinths every year, and in October I pot them in a soil composed of one-third leaf-mould, one-third rich garden soil, and one-third well rotted manure, and a liberal handful of sand or gravel for each pot. I grow mine in tin cans—a quart can is large enough for an ordinary sized bulb; I fill the can three-quarters full, then put a tablespoonful of dry sand in the center of the can and place the bulb on this, as this prevents the bulb from rotting. Press the earth in firmly all around the bulb, but do not cover it entirely; leave top about one-half nich above the soil. Water well and set away in a cool, dark closet (where no mice can get at them). Water occasionally, but only enough to keep moist, not wet, as that will rot the bulbs; let them remain in the dark room from four to six weeks, until they begin to grow, then bring to the light, and in a few weeks you will be rewarded by lovely, waxy spikes of fragrant bloom. After they are done blooming set the pots away in a dry place and let the bulbs dry off; when dust dry, take up bulbs and put away for another season.

CHINESE PRIMROSES.

For the amateur there is perhaps nothing quite so desirable as the Chinese Primrose, and one should have as many varieties of this lovely plant as space will permit. The foliage is very handsome and velvety, especially the fern-leaved variety, and the beautiful flowers come in a wide diversity of colors from white to deep crimson. Some of them are striped and flaked charmingly. The flowers are produced in profusion for months at a time, and this may be depended upon even if the window is a sunless one. Plenty of light is essential, but the hot sun has a disastrous effect. In potting Primroses have the soil at the rim of the pot lower than in the center, as the crowns will rot if water stands upon them. During the summer the pots may be plunged in the garden in a cool, shaded situation, but care must be observed that they do not suffer from drouth.

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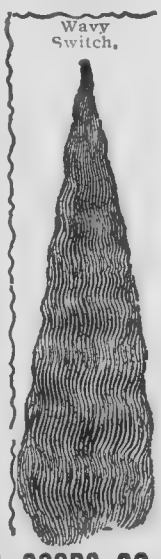

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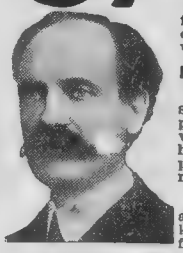

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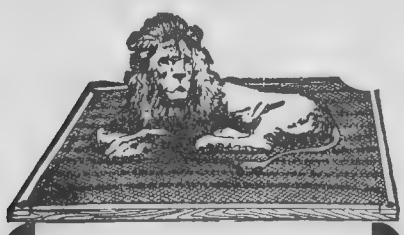

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The Home Doctor.

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Women need eight or, better, nine hours of sleep. Do not imagine that an hour taken from sleep for reading or sewing is an hour gained.

When food digests slowly and gas is formed on the stomach, charcoal taken after meals will absorb impurities, in both stomach and intestines.

When there is pain in the eyes from over-strain or weakness apply steeped green tea leaves in little cheese cloth bags at bedtime. They should be quite wet, and can be kept in place by a handkerchief fastened around the head.

The beaten yolk of an egg, to which has been added four tablespoonfuls of water, is said to make an excellent shampoo for the hair.

The smallest pin scratch has sometimes caused blood poisoning. Bathe all wounds where the skin is broken with a strong solution of boracic acid or listerine.

Excessive perspiration is sometimes very much relieved by washing in cold water which has been softened by a small quantity of borax, or a few drops of ammonia.

There is no recipe for removing wrinkles like cheerfulness. It isn't easy to be cheerful always. No; but it doesn't help anyone to worry. Get the habit of cheerfulness, and you will find there is not so much to worry about.

It is better to take a cold bath in the morning—the system responds to the stimulus as a rule, and there is less likelihood of catching cold, than when taken at night, when one is tired and relaxed.

Cheese is an excellent substitute for meat, never overtaxes the digestive system if masticated thoroughly, and is a great muscle maker, if properly utilized.

A glass of warm milk taken after retiring often proves a remedy for sleeplessness.

Fresh air day and night in abundance, free drinking of pure water, and simple digestible foods, will strengthen the nerves. Health foods, so-called, are not healthful at all, nor nourishing, unless they are properly digested, and most nervous people have difficulty in digesting food, so that an out-door life with exercise just short of fatigue is essential in r gaining the tone of the nervous system.

BABY'S EXERCISE.

Exercise is necessary and is as important for young infants as for older children. A young baby gets his exercise by crying or screaming, waving his arms, kicking, and other efforts to move the body in different positions. The clothing should not be so tight or heavy as to make these movements impossible. Special care should be given to the adjustment of baby's pinning blanket, so that it does not bind or in any way interfere with his little legs when kicking about or stretching, for if the baby is not given plenty of room to kick, it not only retards the proper development of his muscles, but he is very apt to become bowlegged.

FEEDING THE INVALID.

When patients are able to sit up in bed, the nurse should see that their position is such as not to be tiresome or uncomfortable, and that the food tray is not held in such a way as to inconvenience or cramp arms or legs, lest the effort of sitting up show its effect on the appetite before the meal is completed, says a writer in Farm, Field and Fireside of London.

Food for invalids should not be cooked more than once. It is better to cook but little at a time and serve it strictly fresh.

There is danger of such food as meat broths being greasy, and these should be several times skimmed in preparing. A piece of blotting paper or bread laid on the surface will remove any surplus grease left over by the skimming process.

The invalid will often eat more if the food is served in "courses," instead of its being all brought before him at once.

The time when the patient is first allowed to sit up in bed may well be used for giving him the chief meal of the day, as often it will then be eaten with a keener relish.

If there is nausea, or any stomach or bowel disturbance, the suggestion is for smaller meals, given oftener.

Food for invalids should be salted a little more and sugared a little less than for those in health.

If the invalid's mind can be diverted from his ailments while he is eating, by means of some topic of interest, a better relish and a better digestion will ensure quicker recovery.

GOOD HEALTH.
By a Doctor.

It has been said that "in the midst of life we are in death." This means that the process of decay, or death of the vital organs, is going on when one is in the prime of life. During infancy and childhood, and until the period of maturity has been reached, the building-up process is going on more rapidly than the process of waste. From about the age of twenty-five until about the age of forty, the processes of waste and repair seem to be about evenly balanced. After the age of forty the physical powers are gradually on the decline, and continue so to decline until dissolution occurs.

The arteries are among the first of the organs to show this change. Gradually losing their elasticity, they become more and more hardened, until they reach the cord-like condition of old age. Their muscular coats become gradually transformed into connective (fibrous) tissue, which causes more and more resistance to the heart's power of propelling the blood. The arteries also become brittle and, in many instances, little sacs called aneurisms form on the least hardened parts of their coats. When one of these little sacs becomes thin, and ruptures, a hemorrhage occurs into the tissues supplied by this arterial branch. If this, as it often does, happens in the brain, it is known as apoplexy. The lining of the internal surface of the arteries is often the subject of an inflammatory softening, which by its effect on the blood pressure causes the rapid action of the heart and shortness of breath so common in elderly persons upon any sudden or severe exertion. This is usually first noticed when climbing stairs or lifting something heavy. Nature in this way displays her danger signal, meaning "slow up."

Many people have sought for the fountain of youth, but it still remains undiscovered. There are, however, general rules which one who has reached the shady side of life will do well to follow. It is well to keep the bowels, kidneys and skin in a healthy condition. Overindulgence in eating is especially detrimental. A variety of foods in proper amounts, plenty of good water,—bathing and rubbing the body,—all help to attain the desired end. If possible, the cares of the day should be laid aside when retiring, and a business of getting a proper amount of sleep be strictly followed. Sleep is, I believe, the best of all nature's methods of restoring mental as well as physical vigor.

Excesses of all kinds are harmful to any one, and especially so to a person in the decline of life. By attention to nature's laws, and by leading, for a good part of the time, an out-of-door life, combined with pleasant occupation and associates, the candle may be made to burn much longer than when one forgets that he has passed the meridian. I would like to add that, Dr. Osler to the contrary, I believe that some of the most useful, lovable and happy persons are well past sixty, and have for many years worn a silver crown.

There is nothing more soothing in a case of nervous restlessness than a hot salt bath just before retiring.

Acidity of the Stomach.—A good and simple remedy for acidity of the stomach is a dose of ammonia. Five to ten grains of carbonate, or fifteen drops of ammonia water, in a glass of cold water.

For chilblains, this lotion, applied several times a day with bandages made of old linen, is said to be beneficial: One-half ounce of glycerine, ten grains of tincture of iodine and ten grains of tincture of opium.

Inflammation of the throat and tonsils is a common complaint at certain seasons of the year. A soothing drink for persons so affected is made by boiling a teaspoonful of isinglass in half a pint of milk with a dozer bruised almonds and sweetened to taste. This drink has a marvellous effect in reducing the inflammation.

A Preventative for Corns.—At the first sign of a corn or bunion, the feet should be bathed every morning in cold or warm water, to which a little alum or vinegar has been added. This is a soothing bath also for swollen feet, and leaves a nice sensation of freshness. Feet that are inclined to corns or bunions should be sponged at night with lavender water or very slightly diluted with vinegar. People who suffer from weak ankles should put plenty of salt in the water in which they bathe their feet, and should use the water cold.

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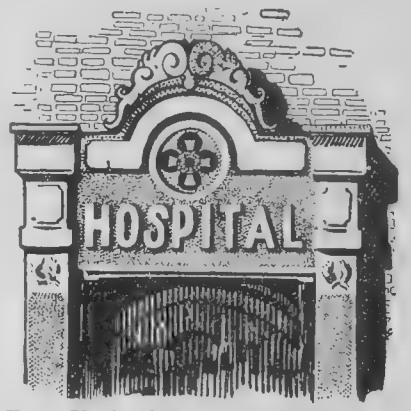

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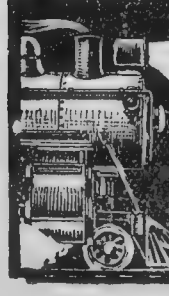

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"What I Should Like to Be"—A Housekeeper.

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Is thought to be an easy feat;
But I can tell you 'tis not true
That women-folks have naught to do.
Some work from early morn till night.
They're sure to find—to do it right
Requires a person of much sense,
Who seldom gets just recompense.

Miscellaneous.

Carpets can be both cleaned and freshened in colors by going over them once a week with a broom dampened in water which holds a little turpentine.

A soiled black coat can be quickly cleaned by applying with a sponge strong coffee containing a few drops of ammonia. Finish by rubbing with a piece of colored woolen cloth.

An authority on woolen goods says that the proper way to dry them is to hang them on the line without wringing out any of the water. Dried in this way the shrinking is said to be very little.

When baking a custard pudding or pie, you should remove the dish from the oven as soon as the custard becomes solid, for too long cooking will make a custard watery.

When grease is spilled on the kitchen table or floor, pour cold water on it at once to prevent it soaking into the wood. It will quickly harden and can be lifted with a knife.

A very good substitute for down or feathers in cushions is found in the cork dust used for packing fruit, principally grapes, from abroad. This can be bought quite inexpensively from grocers.

How to Clean Paint.—Procure five cents' worth of painter's size, dissolve it in hot water and apply it with a soft cloth. Dirt will quickly disappear, and the appearance of the paint will be improved.

Brushes and combs can be perfectly cleansed with clear water and ammonia. Do not let the handles of the brushes get wet. After thoroughly wetting the bristles, place the brushes back downward in the sunshine, and let them remain there until dry.

Any white fur may be successfully cleaned by rubbing it well (with the hand) with hot flour. Heat the flour in the oven in a pie dish, taking care not to let it brown. Rub with the flour till all dirty marks disappear, then shake thoroughly. White felt hats may be treated in the same way.

An excellent way to avoid the ring left by benzine is the following French process: As soon as the spot is cleaned, and while it is still entirely wet, cover it with fullers' earth. Do not rub it on, simply cover entirely the spot, letting it dry this way. When dry, shake off the fullers' earth and brush lightly the cloth. If properly done, there will be no ring. Sometimes the fullers' earth used alone is quite sufficient to remove the spot.

Kerosene is really non-explosive if used with common prudence, and its cleaning properties are not half understood. For cleaning bathtubs, zinc or porcelain, it has no rival, and the greasiest kitchen sink is made clean and wholesome after a bath in the same oil. Apply the oil at night, rubbing the rusty places hard. In the morning rub the sink dry, and let the hot water run through until every vestige of the oil has vanished. An old dust-clogged clock is given a bath of kerosene in a simple way by placing inside a piece of absorbent cotton drenched with oil. In a few weeks' time the cotton will be heavy with dust and the works will be clean and shining.

Stoves may look nice for some time by rubbing them thoroughly with a newspaper every morning.

It is a mistake, according to a veteran housekeeper, to have floors that are intended to be ornamental treated with anything but wax. To varnish or shellac a hardwood floor of any kind is a sacrilege that should not be permitted under any circumstances. Inevitably, the best of them wear scrappy and blotchy after a while, and then they have to be scraped and bleached—an expensive business, since it ought not to have been necessary at all. On no account must water be used on a wax floor, as it will only roughen it without removing the dirt. Turpentine is the proper cleansing medium.

Helpful Notes.

Sponging the carpet with a strong solution of ammonia will brighten the colors and prevent moths.

It is claimed that a cure for erysipelas is a salve made by stewing grated carrot in butter.

Bright sunshine will remove scorch which has been made by using an over-heated iron.

Vanilla is considered one of the most powerful restoratives known in cases of weakened vitality. It is largely used in South America to tone up the system, but should be given only at the advice of an experienced physician.

A tablespoon of borax added to each pound of soft soap is excellent for boiling clothes.

Devonshire Meat Pie.

Remove the meat from a knuckle of veal. Put the bones in a kettle, cover with cold water, and add one slice of onion, one slice of carrot, a bit of bay leaf, a sprig of parsley, twelve peppercorns and two teaspoonfuls of salt; then heat slowly to the boiling point. Add the veal, and let simmer until the meat is tender; remove the meat and reduce stock to two cupfuls. Put a one-half pound slice of lean raw ham in a frying pan, cover with lukewarm water, and let stand on the back of the range for one hour. Brown four tablespoonfuls of butter, add four tablespoonfuls of flour, and when well browned pour on gradually, while stirring constantly, the two cupfuls of stock; then add veal and ham, each cut into cubes, and let simmer for twenty minutes. Put in a serving dish and cover with a top made of puff paste of correct size. It is much better to bake the paste separately and cover the pie just before sending to the table.

Rest vs. Medicine.

I wonder if many farm housekeepers realize that just to give up and rest once-in-awhile will do them more good than medicine. Try it, some of you mothers of large families, who feel that you are breaking down from the strain of so much work and care. Better give up and rest a day or two now and then, even if something must go undone, than have to go to bed for weeks when your strength is all gone, and pay the doctor's bill besides. I know that I have saved my strength and health thus more than once in my life when on the verge of a breakdown.

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Boys and Girls.

When He Was Young.

Our gran'per says when he was young
The boys and girls behaved perlitely,
They knew they had to hold their tongue
And go to bed at seven nightly.
They didn't whoop and stamp and shout
And people didn't need remind 'em
When they came in or else went out
To gently close the door behind 'em.

Our gran'per says in his time boys
To old folks allus spoke respectful.
They didn't have a mess of toys
To scatter round and treat neglectful.
They et their vituls 'thout a kick
And thought they was in luck to get 'em;
They didn't mind the'r bread cut thick.
And as for crusts, they always et 'em.

Our gran'per says boys wiped the'r feet
When he was young, and tied their laces,
And kept themselves all clean and neat
And washed their necks as well as faces.
They never snuck away to fish
Or swim, unless the'r parents let 'em,
Because no decent boy would wish—
Who had good folks—to plague or fret 'em.

Our gran'per says a lot of things
About them kids when he was youthful.
I guess they got to sprouting wings
And flew away—if he is truthful.
The ones here now ain't built that way.
I know it's long afore I'm flying,
Or any others round here. Say!
Don't you believe our gran'per's lying?

Decisive Battles of the World.

The battle of Marathon, 490 B. C., in which the Athenians under Miltiades defeated the Persians under Datus.

The battle of Syracuse, 413 B. C., in which the Athenians were defeated by the Syracusans and their allies.

The battle of Arbela. 331 B. C., in which the Persians under Darius were defeated by the Macedonians and Greeks under Alexander the Great.

The battle of Metaurus, 207 B. C., in which the Carthagenians under Hasdrubal were defeated by the Romans under the Consuls Caius, Claudius, Nero and Marcus Livius.

The battle of Phillippi, 42 B. C., in which Brutus and Cassius were defeated by Octavius and Antony. The fate of the republic was decided.

The battle of Actium, 31 B. C., in which the combined fleets of Antony and Cleopatra were defeated by Octavius, and imperialism established in the person of Octavius.

The victory of the German Arminius over the Roman legions under Varus, A. D. 9.

The battle of Chalons, A. D. 451, in which the Huns under Attila, called the "Scourge of God," were defeated by the confederate armies of the Romans and Visigoths.

The battle of Tours, A. D. 732, in which the Saracens were defeated by Charles Martel. Christendom was rescued from Islam.

Battle of Hastings, A. D. 1066, in which Harold, commanding the English army, was defeated by William the Conqueror, of Normandy.

Joan of Arc's victory over the English at Orleans, A. D. 1429.

The defeat of the Spanish Armada by the English, A. D. 1588.

The battle of Lutzen, A. D. 1632, which decided the religious liberties of Germany. Gustavus Adolphus was killed.

The battle of Blenheim, A. D. 1704, in which the French and Bavarians, under Marshal Tallard, were defeated by the English and their allies, under Marlborough.

The battle of Pultowa, A. D. 1709, in which Charles XII. of Sweden was defeated by the Russians, under Peter the Great.

The victory of the Americans over Burgoyne at Saratoga, A. D. 1777.

The battle of Valmy, A. D. 1792, in which an invading army of Prussians, Austrians and Hessians, under the command of the Duke of Brunswick, was defated by the French, under Dumouriez.

On the 21st of October, 1805, the great naval battle of Trafalgar was fought. The English, under Lord Nelson, defeated the French and Spanish. It destroyed the hopes of Napoleon as to a successful invasion of England. Lord Nelson was killed.

The battle of Waterloo, 1815, in which the French, under Napoleon, were defeated by the allied armies of Russia, Austria, Prussia and England, under the Duke of Wellington.

"Tommy!" cried his father, "you must go to bed this instant."

"No!" replied five-year-old Tommy.

"What's that? How dare you say 'No' to me?"

"Excuse me. 'No, sir!'" said Tommy, with undiminished determination.

The First Scientific Farmer.

The first really scientific farmer history gives any record of was Jethro Tull, an Englishman, born in 1680. A writer in the New York American gives the following account of this man and his work:

"The first scientific farmer, so far as the records show, was one Jethro Tull, an Englishman, who wrote and labored in the cause of agriculture between the years 1680-1740.

"Tull claimed that, since it was from the soil that plants mainly derived nourishment, the finer the condition of the soil the better would be the results to the farmer.

"A great hobby with Tull was the thorough pulverization of the soil. He claimed that it was from the fine earth, not from hard clods, that the plant got the nutrition it needed to make it productive.

"He also insisted upon deep plowing to give moisture to the plant's roots, and upon frequency of cultivation to keep the surface open to the influence of the rays of the sun.

"In a word, it was the Englishman who first strove to impress upon men's minds the idea that farming was a science, and that in order to get good crops, agriculture needed to be carried on upon scientific principles.

"Tull, furthermore, believed that there was no reason why agriculture should be carried on almost wholly by brute strength. He believed in saving as much of the man's labor and strength as possible, and he set himself to the task of finding ways and means of doing farm work that should be an improvement upon the old muscle-wearying methods.

"His thinking took shape in the invention of a horse hoe, a grain drill and a threshing machine—not much of a threshing machine, it is true, as compared with those of to-day, but still a great improvement upon the old-style flail.

"The impetus given to scientific farming by Tull started the movement which was later on taken up with enthusiasm by Arthur Young, the correspondent and friend of Washington.

"Young did a great deal for agriculture. By his pen, by travel and painstaking investigation and experiment, and last, but not least, by a series of bright and useful inventions, he did more for the ancient art than any man of his day and generation.

"With the birth of modern chemistry, and through the writings and experiments of such men as Sir Humphrey Davy, Thomas Jefferson, Justus von Liebig and others, agriculture began to look up as it never had before, and today, as a result of those men's labors, the farmer is beginning, for the first time since farming began, to get from the earth something like a fair return for his toil.

"I say 'beginning,' for there can be no doubt that we are simply upon the threshold of successful farming. A hundred years hence, when the truths of chemistry shall have been almost universally applied to the agricultural art, returns such as would now be considered miraculous will be the common order of the day.

"We have been merely playing with the earth heretofore. When we get down to the principles and practice of a scientific husbandry, our harvests shall be many fold what they are even to-day."

Prattle of the Youngsters.

"Is your teacher an advocate of corporal punishment, Tommy?" asked the visitor.

"No, sir," answered Tommy. "I guess she believes in moral suasion, for she just jaws us."

"Now, Willie," said the Sunday school teacher, "can you tell me why Satan tempted Eve first?"

"Oh, I suppose he wanted to be polite," answered Willie. "Ladies always come first, you know."

Ernest had been to a children's party and eaten all that he could possibly put beneath his little blouse, but it nearly broke his heart to think he could do no greater justice to the feast of good things before him. A bright idea came to him. Early the next morning he went round to the scene of the festivities, and on being asked by Mrs. Johnson what he would like, replied: "I'd like all the things I couldn't eat yesterday, please.

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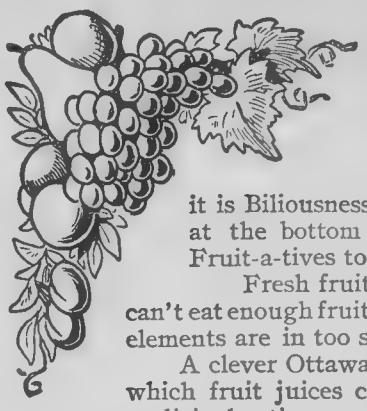

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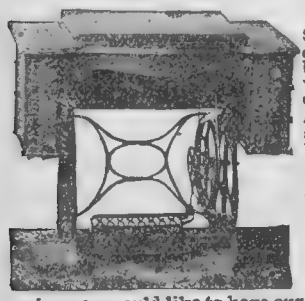

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Woman and the Home.

Just Once in a While.

Just once in a while if we'd think to convey
To those who walk with us life's devious way,
In glance or words, half the joys that abide
In our hearts because loved ones are close by our side;
If we'd think but to garb in words, tenderest dress
A phrase that were sweet as a mother's caress,
Care's road would be shortened by many a mile;
If we'd think to be thankful just once in a while.

Just once in a while, if we'd lay down our load
Of worry and work by the side of the road,
And a bit of the love that we're feeling expend
On sister or brother, on parent or friend,
In words that would tell them their nearness makes light
The path which alone we would grope through the night;
How oft we'd be blessed with an answering smile,
If we'd think to be thoughtful just once in a while.

Just once in a while if a hand were but pressed,
A shoulder but patted, a word but addressed,
That would thankfulness speak to the ones by our side.
Would not joy spur the feet to a magical stride
As they wended their way down life's main-traveled road?
Would not griefs slip away and thus lighten the load?
For ourselves and for others we'd shorten each mile,
If we'd think to be thankful just once in a while.

The Life of a Bride.

A woman may know that she has ceased to be a bride only—

When she finds herself saying uncomplimentary things to her husband.

The first time her husband criticises her frocks.

When she discovers she is jealous.

When he grows economical with his kisses.

When she begins to nag.

When he becomes sarcastic about the food.

When she does not mind coming to breakfast in curl papers.

When he tells her how pretty some other woman looks.

When he begins to eulogize his mother.

When a meal becomes so quiet that she can plan a whole frock between the courses.

When he begins to go to his club.

When she begins to hunt up her old friends and enjoys calling on them.

When he comes in late for dinner.

When she forgets to come home from the matinee in time to greet him before dinner.

Broaden a Child's Mind.

Expand the child's mind by showing him from time to time scenes from all sides of life. Take him to-day to studios, and let him see how pictures are made; next week to silk factories, to learn the poetry of labor; and afterward to a brickyard and an iron foundry, not forgetting the claims of great churches and monuments upon an elevating education.

The alternation of city and country is a delightful stimulant. When travel is possible, we should give the child glimpses of mountains and sights of the sea, and let him become acquainted with mountaineers and fishermen, even as he ought in town to know something of the ways and thoughts of the workmen, so that he may come to feel sympathy with all sorts of people, and understand the merit of labor.

Actual experience of this kind is worth infinitely more than the theorizing in schoolbooks. It is not particularly interesting to a child to read that he should be grateful to all the people who supply him with his daily comforts—to the farmer, the banker, the manufacturer, the builder. But when he sees how grain grows, and is converted into flour, how furniture is wrought from blocks of wood, and threads woven into cloth, the whole history of the objects about him is revealed. The different parts of life become connected, and he gets a sense of the thread of harmony which runs through it all. And he has a moment of satisfaction, coming through a feeling of kinship with the world which is more useful than gratitude upon general principles.

Give Praise to the Wife.

It is often noticed that some men are scrupulously polite and courteous to every other woman, but are rude, insolent and overbearing to their own wives. This is a great mystery to the spectator. Then another class of men, often good men, too, think it a sign of weakness, or at least a waste of time, to speak words of kindly appreciation to the often overworked wife. The man of this description is usually a self-sufficient person, but there are many who without meaning any unkindness take all things for granted.

The wife of an unappreciative man is a woman whom no old maid should envy, for her loving toil seems all in vain. A wife's one redress is to master her husband, and it is never pleasant to any true-hearted woman to feel that she has to master her husband in order to live comfortably with him. The man who never praises his wife will find fault with everything on every possible occasion. It is the easiest thing in the world to find fault—easier than the proverbial sliding down hill. It gets to be a habit with some men, and they are hardly conscious when they are exercising it.

Why cannot a man show his wife that he appreciates her efforts to please him? Why cannot he praise the pudding of his wife as well as the cooking of his neighbor, Mrs. Jones? Why cannot he speak kindly of her mince pie, and charitably of her sponge cake? Why cannot he say that the new hat is becoming to the face of the woman who loves him? Kind words make his wife happy, and no decent man ought to withhold them, and he will find that the general run of affairs will be smoother all round.

Our Home Chat.

Susan B. Anthony is dead. The greatest woman of her time has laid down the responsibilities of this life. While she did not live to see all the things for which she struggled realized, she was spared to see a great and commendable change in the sentiments of the world in regard to the rights of women. Miss Anthony was a martyr not only to the blindness and selfishness of men, but to the foolishness and ingratitude of women. She came to her own and her own received her not. Every pioneer, in whatever line of life, is a martyr to a degree at least, so she bore for her sex odium and scorn; she did for women what a mother might do for her children—bore the griefs alone which they might have made lighter by their encouragement and co-operation.

Fifty years ago this great soul took up the cross for women. She went about seeking to awaken the world to the injustice being done them, and the world answered her by gathering mobs together to stone her as they did the disciples of old. Men insulted and women derided her, but the years have borne fruit. She lived to see the heads of all the greatest institutions of learning which this country can boast gather together in her honor and eulogize what she had done for the cause of liberty and the advancement of her sex. Thank God she lived so long.

Her last thought was for the work—that it might be carried on. It is to be hoped that her death may awaken some who have never yet realized what her labors meant and help to bring about the things that make for the intellectual advancement of women and through them of the mental and spiritual evolution of the whole world.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

SUPERVISED BY THE CHEF OF THE MARRIAGGI, WINNIPEG

Fried Parsnips.

Boil until tender and slice them in long thin slices, dip into a batter made as for pancakes, and fry in hot lard until brown, adding salt and pepper to suit the taste.

Graham Muffins.

Mix one and one-half cups sifted graham flour, one-half teaspoon salt, two level teaspoons baking powder, and one rounded tablespoon sugar. Stir in one and one-half cups milk, or part water and part milk, and one well-beaten egg. Beat well and bake in hissing hot gem pans twenty minutes.

Prunes and Rice Meringue.

Prepare a rice croquette mixture, by cooking a cup of rice in salted water and adding to it, while warm, a teaspoon of butter, one well-beaten egg, a teaspoon of vanilla and two tablespoons of sugar. Spread this on the bottom of a platter, and cover it with a layer of stewed prunes; continue alternating the layers, and making each succeeding one slightly smaller, until the rice is all used, so that the dish may be pyramidal in form. Sprinkle lightly with powdered sugar and cover with a meringue made from the whites of two eggs and a cup of confectioner's sugar. Place in the ice box until ready to serve and garnish with small pieces of crystallized ginger.

Mustard Pickles.

One hundred small cucumbers, eight quarts of small green tomatoes cut in two, four quarts of small onions, four heads of cauliflower, six heads of celery cut into short lengths, four red peppers with the seeds removed; mix well, sprinkle with salt and let stand twenty-four hours; drain and cover with vinegar and water; put on the stove and boil ten minutes; drain again. Take one ounce tumeric, one ground allspice, one ounce ground cloves, one pint of grated horseradish, one pound best ground mustard, one pound of brown sugar; wet these with cold ginger and vinegar enough to cover all the pickles, and cook all together for ten minutes. Seal in cans while hot.

Huckleberry Molasses Cake.

Sift two teaspoonfuls of ginger and half a teaspoonful of salt with three cupfuls of flour. Cleanse and dry one cupful of blueberries or huckleberries and dust them with one cupful of flour. Dissolve one teaspoonful of soda in one tablespoonful of boiling water and mix with one and one-half cupfuls of molasses. To this add two eggs well beaten and one cupful of milk. Stir in the three cupfuls of flour gradually, and, lastly, mix in, without breaking if possible, the floured berries, and what is left of the flour use to dust them. Bake on the upper or next to the upper rack in a moderate heat. If the oven is too hot at first this cake will have a very heavy crust, and owing to the presence of molasses is apt to burn quickly on the bottom if placed too low in the oven.

Prune Pudding.

Six ounces of bread crumbs, six ounces of suet, half a pound of prunes (weighed after stoning), two ounces of sugar, three eggs, about a gill of milk, one ounce of sweet almonds. Chop the suet and prunes finely, using the crumbs to prevent them from sticking. Mix the crumbs, suet, prunes and sugar. Beat up and add the eggs, also the milk. Add them to the dry ingredients and mix them well. Let the mixture stand and soak for one hour. Put into a greased mold, twist a piece of paper over the top, and steam the pudding steadily for three hours. Have ready the almonds, shelled, and cut into long shreds. When the pudding is turned out, stick it over with the almonds and serve it with any good sweet sauce. Dates or figs may be substituted for prunes.

Fruit Cake.

One pound of sugar, one pound of flour, one pound of butter, ten eggs, one cupful of sweet milk, one teaspoon heaping full of baking powder. Beat yolk of eggs with half of sugar, cream the butter with the other half of the sugar, and then mix them, add flour and sweet milk with baking powder stirred into it; then the whites, well beaten; one cup of molasses. Add the following ground spices: Two teaspoonfuls of allspice, one teaspoonful of cloves, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of mace. Have ready, well flowered, three pounds of raisins seeded and chopped, one pound of citron chopped, four pounds each of almonds, dates and figs, cut fine; after these are put in the batter add one cup of good brandy or whiskey. (This latter ingredient I never use; do not consider it necessary, nor an improvement.)

Mince Meat, A Winter's Supply.

Boil, until perfectly tender and well-done, three pounds of the lean of fine beef. When cold, chop fine. Shred and mince two pounds of fresh beef suet. Have ready seeded and cut into small pieces three pounds of raisins and three pounds of dried currants, one pound of citron cut into small bits and two dozen apples, peeled, cored and chopped fine. Add the juice and grated rind of two lemons, one nutmeg, also grated, a teaspoonful each of mace, cloves and cinnamon, ground very fine, two teaspoonfuls of salt and three pounds of good brown sugar, three quarts of sweet cider. Pour the cider over the mince meat until it is soft enough for use. These proportions make quite a large quantity which generally would suffice for the need of a small family the entire season. Mince meat should be kept closely tied up in a jar, and it will not spoil before the return of really hot weather. One pint of mince meat is not too much to allow for each pie plate; a mere thin covering over the bottom will not answer for a pie. The mince meat must be baked in rich pastry and pies are better served hot.

Apples for the Table.

No fruit is so largely used by the farmer throughout the winter as the apple, and few kinds are as easily prepared and are as palatable. The following are a few recipes that are both attractive and delicious:

There is no more wholesome breakfast dish than baked apples eaten with cream and sugar. They make a delicious filling for cakes to be used the day they are baked. Grate one large apple and add the juice and grated rind of a lemon and one cup of granulated sugar; cook three minutes and spread between the layers.

Fried Apples.—Peel and quarter tart apples, taking out the seeds and core from each piece. Heat some fat in a frying pan and fry the apples to a light brown. Drain off the fat from each piece, sprinkle with sugar and pile on a hot dish. Serve with buttered brown bread.

Apple Sauce for Roast Pork or Goose.—Wash two dozen good cooking apples of medium size; put in a preserving kettle with water to half cover them; add two cups of sugar, one-half cup of vinegar and one teaspoon of ground cinnamon; cover tightly and cook slowly until the apples are soft. Serve cold.

Apple Shortcake.—Season stewed apples with butter, sugar and nutmeg; make a good shortcake, open and butter it and spread with the apples in layers. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Apple Cream.—Peel, core and stew some nice cooking apples until soft, and when cold pour over them the following cream: One cup of rich cream, one cup of white sugar; beat until smooth, then add the well beaten whites of two eggs.

Apple Custard.—Peel, core and stew apples until tender and for one pie take one cup of apples, the yolks of three eggs, one-half cup of sugar, one-fourth cup of butter; add any flavoring desired. Make a meringue of the whites for the top.

Apple Dessert.—Fill a bowl with alternate layers of sliced apples and sugar. To each quart add one-half teacup of water and bake three hours. Let stand until cold, and it will turn out a round mass of beautiful red slices imbedded in delicious jelly.

Windsor Apple Pudding.—Put a pint of breadcrumbs into a basin with a half-pint of apple pulp, made by boiling apples as you would for sauce; five medium sized apples are about the right number. Add the juice of a lemon and grated rind of half a one, one well-beaten egg, a grate of nutmeg, an ounce of butter, sugar to taste; stir all thoroughly together; put into a buttered mold, tie over with a cloth and steam for an hour and a half or two hours.

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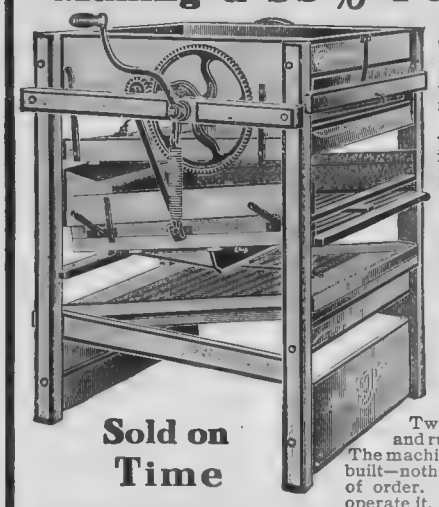

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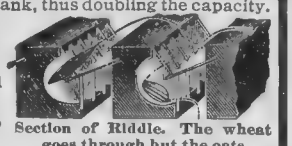

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About the Farm.

Where It Was Done.

Joe Bing, he cut ten cord o' wood
From rise to set o' sun;
He cut it, an' he piled it, too,
Yes, sir, that's w'at he done.
To cut ten cord of wood, I vow,
Is one tremenjus chore—
Joe Bing cut his behind the stove
In Luscomb's grocery store.

Joe Bing, he cut eight load o' hay,
I swan, an' raked it, too,
An' in twelve hours by the clock
He was entirely through.
He could, I guess, before he slept
Cut jes' as many more—
He cut it where he did the wood,
In Luscomb's grocery store.

Joe Bing, he plowed four acres onct,
He plowed it good an' neat;
An' 'fore the sun had near gone down
The job was all complete.
The hosses never turned a hair,
Wan't tired, ner leas' bit sore.
He plowed it all in one short day—
In Luscomb's grocery store.

Joe Bing, he made five dollars onct
By simply pickin' hops;
He done it all in jest a day
With time for sev'ral stops.
He could as well a-kept it up
A dozen days or more.
Where wus it done? The same ol' place—
In Luscomb's grocery store.

Poultry Dots.

Be sure that the growing chicks are not crowded in their coops.

Clean the hen house floor and put in three inches of clean sand. Sweep the walls and ceiling and cover both with a coat of whitewash.

As the supply of bugs and worms grows less, feed more beef scraps and cut fresh bone. Chicks and fowls must have meat food.

Save a good supply of dry leaves for use as scratching material in the poultry house during the winter. It is the cheapest material for the purpose that you can get.

Feed plenty of corn when you fatten the cockerels; it will assist to give their shanks and skin the yellow color desired by most customers.

Look under the roosts where they rest upon their supports, and see if you can find any little red mites. If you find them, paint roosts, supports and the adjoining woodwork with one of the brands of liquid lice killers sold by dealers in poultry keepers' supplies.

Dairy Notes.

Treat the cow well and she will do well by you.

Milking with wet hands should be avoided, it is not a clean practice.

To make at least $10 clear out of your cow, you must have at least $45 profit.

Milk that is cooled as soon as drawn from the cow will keep sweet much longer.

Fresh cream should not be added to older cream until after it is cooled to 50 degrees.

The hours of milking should be regular, and each cow should be milked in regular order.

Decaying food and stagnant water will injure the health of the cow, and the quality of the milk.

When cows' teats are tender and they are sensitive and inclined to be irritable when being milked, apply linseed oil after each milking.

A dairy cow should not be allowed to wander over a very large field, as the energy spent in walking about will show a reduction in quality of milk.

The best possible time to separate cream from milk is when first drawn, and while the animal heat is still retained. The farm separator takes out the cream before the milk cools or becomes sour.

A good churning temperature is 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Cream should be kept at that temperature for an hour or so before churning, in warm weather, or the butter will not harden well, as it forms.

It is estimated that the average cow uses from 60 to 65 per cent. of her food to maintain her physical life, while all the rest goes to milk. If a cow uses but little more for herself when giving forty pounds of milk as when giving twenty, it shows the importance of good feeding.

Feeding Poultry to Induce Early Laying.

A poultryman writes:—My plan of feeding hens to induce them to lay when eggs are high is as follows:

In the morning I give a warm meal of cooked feed consisting of bran, corn meal and some potatoes. This is all boiled together in the evening and left on the stove over night to keep it warm. Often meat scraps or meat meal is added and care is taken not to have the mixture too wet. It is all right to feed the warm meal at noon part of the time if you wish, but see to it that they have a warm meal every day. Other meals consist of different kinds of grain, not mixed, but fed at different times to make a variety.

For grain I use corn, wheat, oats and sunflower seed. Some of the grain is scattered about in some litter in the early part of the day for them to scratch for. At night they have a good feed of whole grain that will last till morning. A head of cabbage is always where they can reach it. The cooked food is always seasoned well with pepper. They are well supplied with grit and lime and plenty of water. The house is kept clean and free from lice and the result of all is, a generous supply of large fresh eggs every day.

Eatin' and Settin' Eggs.

A famous Michigan egg raiser occasionally sells some of his product to his grocer and some smart town people who thought they could get his eggs for hatching cheaper by buying from the grocer, were disappointed when they found that not one of the store eggs hatched out.

"Some one told the old man about the disappointment, and he expressed no surprise. He only said:

"They should come to me for their setting eggs. Whoever heard o' buying settin' eggs in a grocer's shop. When I sell eggs for eatin' I just dip the ends in boiling water—kill the germ. Them was eatin' eggs the grocer had. If these people want settin' eggs they should come to me honest like."

Sheep.

Don't try to have lambs before April.

Breeding ewes and fattening stock should be kept separate.

You can't call a sheep sick so long as it can chew its cud.

Size should be only a secondary consideration in the majority of cases.

Keep them thrifty. Exercise, good shelter, proper food, pure water and salt.

All those who are planning to feed lambs this winter, hold up their hands!

If you lose a sheep this winter, be sure to take the fleece off; it is worth money.

Keep the sheep happy. Be patient and kind with them, but above all, don't make them wait for their grain.

Make up your mind that you won't allow your sheep to lie on heating manure this winter.

Look over the sheep fold before it gets too cold. Perhaps it will be well to cut another window in the end of the barn. Sheep must have light, dry, well ventilated quarters to do their best.

In giving medicine to a sheep set it on its rump between your legs.

Place the first two fingers of the left hand in the roof of the animal's mouth, leaving the right hand free to hold the spoon or bottle.

If you feel as though your sheep have forgotten you during the summer, walk into the flock with an ear or two of corn and renew their acquaintance. Try them with a little salt and they will forget all past grudges.

Cattle.

The droppings in the feed lot tell the story of the feed box.

Balance the ration with several pounds of common sense.

Are you going to make a start for better cattle by buying a good pure-bred bull this spring?

Breed gives an animal its natural flesh, feed gives it the fat. You can't feed on flesh where the ancestors did not pass it on by inheritance.

Cattle are just about right to start to fatten when the local butcher thinks they are good enough to kill. There is a vast difference between butcher cattle and fat cattle.

Poor care, scant feed, and poor judgment in mating will soon make scrubs of the best pure-bred cattle. A pure-bred ought to carry a pedigree in its back as well as in its blood.

Slough hay, salt and water do not make either flesh or milk. An animal does well to hold its own on such a diet. A fitting parallel would be to compel a man to live entirely on breakfast food.

An animal is fat when it ceases to make gains in weight and when, by placing the hand on the well fleshed back, there is a responding ripple along the whole length of the back.

It is not size and weight that make quality in beef cattle. It is the largest amount of meat you can place on a carcass in the region of valuable cuts between the shoulder point and the rump. Valuable meat grows on the back and along the ribs, not in the paunch or in the shoulders.

Keep the bull in good condition. He will appreciate and render good value for a feed of oats each day. If he is starved or allowed to run down too much in flesh, there will be a shortage in the next calf crop. Don't keep him in the barn without being exercised. And don't feed very much corn to a breeding bull. Oats, bran, roots, clover hay and such feeds are the proper thing for him. In other words, feed the bull the same ration you would feed to a dairy cow if you want to keep him in the best possible condition.

Horses.

The hardest work possible for the heavy work horse is to do road work. horses weighing over 1,500 pounds are designed by nature to move large loads at a slow pace, not to get over the ground fast. The ideal draft horse is built on the plan of the lard hog, while the ideal road horse is built on the plan of the grayhound. Do not spoil the horse by trying to make him do work for which he is manifestly not intended.

Did it ever hurt you particularly to take a drink of refreshing water when you were hot and tired in the harvest field? It's the same way with a horse. Don't resfuse him water even if he is a little warm. Let him drink with the bridle on and the bit in his mouth so he will drink slowly and not bolt it down. There are all kinds of theories about the proper time to water horses. If you water the horse as you water yourself, you won't go far wrong.

How to Detect Spavin.

Dr. A. S. Alexander, of the Wisconsin Experiment Station, gives a method for determining spavin in horses. If those who are about to purchase a horse will apply this method they may possibly be dollars ahead. Almost any horseman can tell spavin when it is just starting, or is small. But we believe that Dr. Alexander's mehod is a sure test. The method is as follows:—

"When the buyer suspects that a spavin, large or small is present, yet finds lameness absent, possibly due to continuous exercise or some preventive measure adopted for the occasion, he can speedily ascertain whether it is indeed present by a simple test. Have an assistant lead the horse out to halter and prepare to trot him instantly at the word "go." Now lift up the foot of the suspected hind leg and hold it as close to the horse's belly as possible for a few minutes. Suddenly drop it and immediately trot the horse, when he will, for the first few steps, or even rods, go intensely lame, but soon recover. This is an unfailing test and should be practiced in every case where there is the slightest suspicion of a spavin.

Advice from a High Source.

We recently noticed a few pointers which Emperor William of Germany gives in regard to taking care of horses. Inasmuch as the advice is just as good as though it came from an ordinary everyday man, we quote the following pointers:—

1. Do not expose your horse to draughts in or out of the stable.
2. Do not allow any broken windows in your stable. At the same time see that it is properly ventilated.
3. Do not keep your horses too warm. Never cover them with blankets in the stable.
4. Exercise your horses daily as the best preventive against disease.
5. Don't feed wet fodder, but give dry fodder and fresh water. In winter let the water stand awhile after taking it from the well or faucet.
6. Prevent ammonia gases, which are bad for the eyes and the ligaments.
7. Every fourth or sixth week remove the shoes and have the hoofs attended to. After that the shoes may be nailed on again.
8. When the roads are covered with ice use spiked shoes.
9. Do not put an ice cold bit into a horse's mouth in winter unless you want him to have tooth ache and become ill.
10. Be as careful of your horse's skin as of your own.

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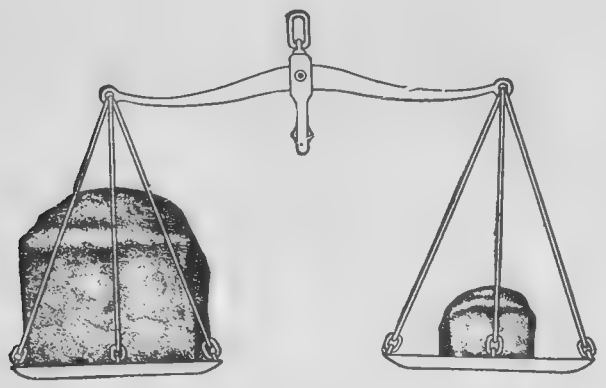

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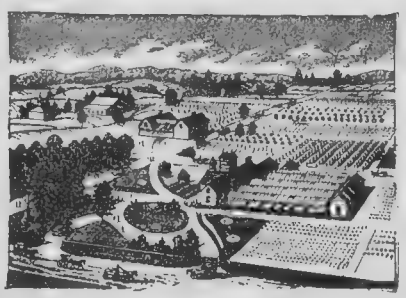

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When Sally Had Her Tin-Type Took

When Sally had her tin-type tuk,
I'll bet a pint o' liquor
Thar warn't a man but whut wuz struck
On her a leetle thicker.

She wuz the belle o' Jink's Cove,
But dangerouser nor pizen
By reason o' the web she wove;
Oh, she wuz tanterlizin'!

An' ev'ry feller fur an' wide,
From Begum to Carliny,
Would ruther had her fer his bride
Than be the King o' Chiny.

'Twuz at the annual meetin' when
A feller from the valley
Seed me ez he come up the glen
A-walkin' round with Sally.

He said ez how he'd like ter git
Miss Sally and her feller
Ter pose together jist a bit
Beneath her umbereller.

Now, this jist suited Sal, you bet,
An' I had no objection.
An umbrella's the best place yet
For showing one's affection.

Then jist as he wuz tekin' aim
I slipped my arm about her.
You ax me wuz I feelin' game
To kiss her? Yes, I mowter.

Did she fly up with a look o' scorn,
Her cheeks with anger burnin'?
Wal, no! That's her a-hoein' corn,
An' that's our gal a-churnin'.

Only Once.

"Can you honestly say that you were never afraid in battle?" asked the tactician of the old veteran with a wooden leg.

"Well, no, I don't think I could say that," was the reply.

"Then you were afraid?"

"Yes, but only once."

"Have you any objections to giving me the particulars?"

"Not at all. I had lent the captain of my company ten dollars, and when we were rushed into a fight and I saw him taking the lead and exposing himself I was afraid he'd get killed and I'd lose my money."

Changing Daniel's Quarters.

A clergyman, recently engaged with another of a different belief in a controversy regarding some question of religion, sent to a newspaper office a long article supporting his side of the question.

The manuscript had been "set up" in type for the next day's issue.

About midnight the telephone bell rang furiously, the minister at the other end asking for the editor.

"I am sorry to trouble you at such a late hour," he said, "but I am in great trouble."

"What can I do for you?" was asked.

"In the article I sent you to-day I put Daniel in the fiery furnace. Please take him out and put him in the lion's den."—Exchange.

A Selfish Request.

A certain Irishwoman, on her deathbed, called her husband to her side. "Patrick," she said, "I've a last rayquist to make of ye." "I couldn't rayfuse ye annything, Mary, darlint," responded the sorrowing husband. "Patrick," said Mary, solemnly, "I want ye to lave mother ride in the carriage beside ye to me funeril."

"'Tis too much ye're askin' of me, Mary!" cried Pat, springing to his feet in desperation. Mary, however, was determined on this point, and Pat finally yielded to her "last rayquist." "I'll lave her ride be me side," he promised, weeping bitterly, "but mark ye, Mary, darlint, 'twill shpoil the day fur me entoirely, that it will!"

A Way to Advertise.

A little child was crying miserably one afternoon on Fourth street. He walked slowly, and his howls soon brought a big crowd around him.

"What is the matter, my child? What troubles you." every one asked.

The boy paused finally. He looked at the multitude which had assembled; then, lifting up his voice, he shouted in a shrill treble:

"I'm lost. Will somebody please take me home to Abe Silverntein, Sixth street, the champion clothier, south of Market, who has just got in his new stock of spring overcoats, suits, neckties, shirts, hats, and umbrellas, which he will sell cheaper than any one else in the city?"

Translated It For Him.

At the Coates house there is a negro boy who runs an elevator in the day-time and studies English literature at night. A few days ago he was given his envelope with a small fine deducted for some breach of the regulations. Quite indignant he went to the cashier and began:

"Mr. Gardner, if you should ever find it within the scope of your jurisdiction to levy an assessment on my wage for some trivial act, alleged to have been committed by myself, I would suggest that you refrain from exercising that prerogative. The failure to do so would of necessity force me to tender my resignation."

The cashier, tottering, reached for his chair, but managed to ask what was meant.

In othah words, if yo' fine me ag'in Ah'm goin' to quit."

Had Quite Enough.

A very subdued-looking boy of about twelve years of age, with a long scratch on his nose and an air of general dejection, went to the master of one of the board schools and handed him a note from his mother before taking his seat and becoming deeply absorbed in a book.

The note read as follows:

"Mr. Brown: Please excuse James for not being present yesterday. He played trooant, but you don't need to thrash him for it, as the boy he played trooant with an' him fell out, an' the boy fought him, an' a man they throo at cought him an' thrashed him, an' the driver of a cart they hung on to thrashed him also. Then his father thrashed him, an' I had to give him another one for being improodent to me for telling his father, so you need not thrash him until next time. He thinks he better keep in school in future."

His Last Harangue.

A group of Cyrusville's citizens had gathered around the stove in the corner store and, as often happened, James Corning was holding forth on the trials of his kind.

"What do women-folks know of care and trouble?" he demanded of his audience. "Sheltered in their homes, with just a few little household duties to make the time pass, and when night comes the privilege of sitting down to the evening lamp, while the man of the house puts on his hat and goes out into the darkness and often into the storm, and walks maybe half a mile, to fetch home the paper, so's his family can have the news next day. No need for them to think of earning money—no——"

Mr. Corning's mouth dropped wide open as a stern-visaged woman stepped in at the door and up to him.

"I've heard you'd been giving these little talks," she said, clearly, "and I've come down to wait for the mail, so's you can go home and take my place sitting by the evening lamp. You'll find a basket of your socks there with holes in 'em large as hen's eggs, and your overalls and Sammy's trousers.

"If you get those done," she added, relentlessly, as her husband tried to look at ease and as if it were all a good joke, "when you gets 'em done,

you can finish up splitting the kindlings I've been at the last two evenings. I'm willing to come out into the darkness till you get the whole thing finished up. Now you step right along."

The Parting Shot Polite.

"When I was younger than I am now," says a lawyer who is still somewhat this side of middle age. "I had a position in the office of a man who has a big reputation. Naturally, I felt my responsibility. It was plain to me that the head of the firm had outlived his usefulness, and I used to feel sorry to think what would happen to him if I ever left him. Sheer magnanimity made me overlook a lot of things.

"I wasn't treated in that office with all the deference due me, but I stood it till one day somebody went too far. Then I marched into the old man's private office and laid down the law to him. I told him I wasn't going to endure such treatment another day. I was going to quit, that was what I was going to do, and I was going to quit right then and there. I unburdened my mind freely, and then I stopped to give him a chance to apologize and beg me not to ruin him by leaving. He didn't look up from his desk. He just said to me in a polite kind of way:

"'Please don't slam the door when you go out.'"

Couldn't Have Done It.

A famous lawyer once had a client named Michael Dougherty, who had been arrested for the illegal sale of liquor. The police had no evidence except one pint of whiskey, which their search of his premises revealed. In court this evidence was produced, and a somewhat vivid claim made of prima facie evidence of guilt by the prosecuting attorney. During all this counsel for the prisoner was silent. When his turn came for the defence he arose and said, "Michael Dougherty, stand up." And Mike, with big, red nose, unshaven face, bleared eyes, and a general appearance of dilapidation, stood up.

"Michael Dougherty, look upon the jury. Gentlemen of the jury, look on Michael Dougherty." All complied. The counsel himself silently and steadily gazing at Mike for a moment, slowly and with solemnity turned to the jury, and said, "Gentlemen of the jury, do you mean to say to this court and to me that you honestly and truly believe that Michael Dougherty, if he had a pint of whiskey, would sell it?"

It is needless to say Mike was acquitted.

Circumstantial Evidence.

Rev. Dr. Deems once told the following story to his congregation:

A minister once called on an aged class-leader, and, after having prayed with the family, said: "Brother, how is it that you have been a church-member so long, and yet you are not a converted man?"

"Are you my judge?"

"I know by your fruits. You have no family worship."

"Well, it is true; but I would like to know who told you."

"No one told me; but, had you been in the habit of having family worship, that cat would not have jumped out of the window, frightened, as it did when we knelt to pray."

The test was true in that case. The brother confessed that he had omitted family worship because he did not wish to hinder his workmen.

Interested at Last.

A countryman was on his first visit to London, and though he was shown all the objects of interest he gave each but a passing glance and not a word of comment. When he came in sight of the Nelson Monument, however, a new light came into his eye. At last something had been found to interest him. He scanned the pillar, running his eye as if fascinated from the base to the point where the statue stood and back again; then he fastened an intense gaze on the lions. His lips parted, and his friends drew near to hear his criticism of the sculptor's art. "Well, well," he exclaimed, "they've got that old man fairly treed, ain't they?"

Limited Service.

Bishop Brewster, of Connecticut, while visiting some friends not long ago, tucked his napkin in his collar to avoid the juice of the grape-fruit at breakfast. He laughed as he did it, and said it reminded him of a man he once knew who rushed into a restaurant and, seating himself at a table, proceeded to tuck his napkin under his chin. He then called a waiter and said, "Can I get lunch here?"

"Yes," responded the waiter in a dignified manner, "but not a shampoo."

The One Redeeming Feature.

They were men of exactly opposite types, and it would have been a hard matter, indeed, to find a subject upon which they could agree. Briggs is a hard-natured, square-jawed individual who looks what he is—a retired police inspector. Wemys, on the other hand, is all softness and sympathy, and the sort of man who believes in his fellows to the end.

"But surely even the most hardened criminals have some trace of a better nature!" he urged.

Briggs coughed shortly, and said if they had he had not noticed it.

"Do you mean to say," said Wemys, "that you have never discovered a redeeming feature in an habitual criminal?"

"Yes, I did once," admitted Briggs.

"Ah, I knew it!" cried Wemys triumphantly. "No one is all bad. What was it? Love of home? Kindness to animals? Love of children?"

"No," came the uncompromising reply; "it was a pawn-ticket!"

Anecdotal.

President Sprague, of the Union Dime Savings Bank of New York, says that he was called up on the telephone one day and addressed thus, apparently in all seriousness: "Is this the Union Dime Savings Bank?" "Yes." "Well, I want to know if a non-union man can deposit in your bank."

A well-dressed man who registered at a hotel in St. Joseph, Mo., casually remarked that he never traveled without his own fire escape, at the same time exhibiting the contrivance which he carried. "In case of fire," he said. "I can let myself down from any hotel window." The landlord said gravely: "Our terms for guests with fire-escapes are cash in advance."

Dr. Jowett, of Oxford, was a formidable wit. At a gathering at which he was present, the talk ran upon the comparative gifts of two Baliol men who had been, respectively, made a judge and a bishop. Professor Henry Smith, famous in his day for his brilliancy, pronounced the bishop to be the greater man of the two for this reason: "A judge at the most can only say 'You be hanged,' whereas a bishop can say, 'You be damned.'" "Yes," said Dr. Jowett, "but if the judge says, 'You be hanged,' you are hanged."

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The Watcher.

By the cold gray sea in the early morn
He waits on his pitiful bed of pain,
And pale as the east are the fancies born
Of the golden shore he shall somehow gain.

Through the open casement he hears the sound
Of the waves as they break on the beach near by,
And he feels that his spirit is homeward bound—
Will his soul dissolve when his life shall die?

As the mists roll in from the distant sea,
So memory brings to his baffled mind
The magical days that were gay and free,
The sorrows and loves that for ever bind.

Will he meet them there, those friends of old?
Will her eyes shine down in his yearning heart?
Is the weary tale of the hard strife told
When the soul and its shadow swiftly part?

The wan face whitens, the tide creeps in,
A sigh goes out o'er the windless deep—
Where now are the dreaming, the toil, the sin,
When man lies down to his long sweet sleep?

The gray east lightens—with rose and pearl
The dawn falls soft on the far wide view,
High in the heaven the mists unfurl
For ever a new day cometh—'tis true!

On the thin lips, faintly, a smile outshines,
A hope like a lark from the heart upsprings,
And lo, as the ray the rough earth refines,
A promise transfigures all doubtful things.

The clouds roll up from the cold, gray sea.
Dark, dark on their bosom, a form—
O Death!
And the watcher goes out to the great To Be,
Trusting in love with his last low breath.

Facts and Figures.

Over 4,000,000 false teeth are manufactured annually in the United States.

The post-office has a profit of $15,000 a year through unclaimed money orders.

Peach stones sell in California for $6 a ton. They make as good a fuel as coal.

Pasco, in Peru, is the highest town in the world, standing 14,275 feet above the sea level.

The record lodging house is one for pilgrims at Mecca, which accommodates 6,000 persons.

The biggest farms in the world are in South Australia, where the average squatter holds 78,000 acres.

Out of every 1,000 letters used in writing English, E occurs 137 times. T is the next most frequently used.

Nearly 70,000 tons of cork are needed for the bottled beer and aerated waters consumed annually in Britain.

Over 62,000 American women cultivate fruit, among them being several of California's most successful fruit growers.

In China one pound of ice costs 1½ cents gold.

Birmingham, England, produces from 8,000,000 to 15,000,000 gross of steel pens a year.

It costs the government about 30 cents a day to feed each bluejacket on Uncle Sam's ships of war.

Belgian female workers on handmade lace receive from 25 to 30 cents for a day's work of from 12 to 15 hours.

In the Argentine Republic there are over 15,000,000 acres of land cultivated, which is but 6 per cent. of the available acreage.

The deepest lake in the world is said to be Lake Baikal, in Siberia. 9,000 square miles in area, or nearly as large as lake Erie, it is 4,000 to 5,000 feet deep, so that it contains nearly as much water as Lake Superior.

The record for letter deliveries is made on the 750-mile route between Paris and Berlin. Letters mailed in Paris often reach Berlin in 35 minutes, and never more than an hour. They are transmitted, of course, pneumatically.

Statisticians estimate that 21 acres of land are necessary to sustain one man on fresh meat. The same space of land, if devoted to wheat culture, would feed 42 people; if to oats, 88; potatoes, Indian corn and rice, 176, and if to the plantain or bananas, over 6,000 people.

The record for thirst endurance belongs to Pablo Valencia, a Mexican, who recovered after fully 160 hours in the desert without water. So far as is known, half of the victims of the desert have died within 36 hours, another quarter in 48 hours, and very few have survived longer than 70 to 80 hours.

The largest birds' nests are to be found in Australia. The Australian jungle fowl build for nests great mounds 15 feet in height and 125 or 150 feet in circumference. Grass, leaves and other vegetable matter are used in the construction of the nests, which easily weigh a ton. The Australian brush turkeys, working in colonies, build pyramidal nests even larger. One of these nests, on being removed, filled seven carts, and its total weight was five tons.

Raw silk constitutes 35 per cent. of China's exports. The annual value of cocoons produced in Che Kiang province alone is estimated at $2,500,000.

Lord Bute, of England, owns the costliest home in the world, situated at Rothesay. It covers 2 acres of ground, and represents an investment estimated at $8,000,000.

When an Atlantic steamship has on board what is called a "full mail" she is carrying about 200,000 letters and 300 sacks of newspapers to London alone, besides large quantities for other places.

Gold, silver and copper are commonly called the precious metals, yet there are at least 27 other metals of greater pecuniary worth. Of these, gallium is worth $68,000 a pound, while gold is worth but $400.

Eminent Babylonian explorers say that the multiplication table which the Babylonian child had to commit to memory extended to 30 times 30, and that he was easily conversant with two languages besides his own.

A curiosity in the matter of bell ringing is to be met with at Fulburne, near Cambridge, England. The church bells there not only ring the hours of the day, but at intervals also the date of the month. Thus, at twelve o'clock noon on the 31st, there would be 43 strokes.

Italian prisons got so full this year that the government had to resort to royal clemency to some of the occupants in order to make room for delinquents crowded out. A decree was issued last August and since then 1,536 prisoners have been pardoned and 3,072 have had their sentences reduced.

Jeres De La Frontera, in Spain, has a population of 65,000, and is the center of the sherry making trade. There are many rich people there, worth from $500,000 to $5,000,000. The city has hundreds of very old and large store-houses, containing, it is said, enough sherry to supply the world's demand for 25 years.

Paris has a school for aeronauts and contemplates a second. In the one already in existence beginners can get instructions in the latest theory and practice of airship management. Anchored ballons with cables as high as 400 meters (about 440 yards) in length are at the disposal of the pupils.

In these days of increasing use of concrete for building purposes it is recalled that the Pantheon, in Rome, about two thousand years old, is covered by a dome over 142 feet in diameter which is cast in concrete in one solid mass.

The canton of Zurich, in Switzerland, has taken steps to establish an annual poll tax of 86 cents, to be called the Zurich medical tax, and from the fund thus produced some half a hundred physicians are to be maintained, whose services are to be at the disposal of any member of the commune, free from any remuneration whenever he may choose to call for them.

The marriage rate is higher in England than elsewhere, being 15 a ,1000. In most other countries it varies from 7 to 10 a 1,000. The highest birth rate, according to a volume of statistics, referring chiefly to foreign countries, issued by the British Board of Trade, is in Roumania—39 a 1,000. That country also has the highest death rate, 27.7 a 1,000. The lowest marriage rate is in Sweden, where it is 9 a 1,000.

A French writer in a scientific magazine tells of the great ocean depths of 28,000 to 30,000 feet, the temperature tending toward zero, the perpetual darkness ranging below the depths of about 1,280 feet. At that level, plants, deprived of light, cannot exist. The animal life must be carniverous. The organs of sight, not being used, have become atrophied and disappeared. Yet there is light even in that sightless world. A German exploring ship found a fish with enormous eyes at a depth of 6,400 feet.

The prosperity of Japan depends largely upon the sea. A thousand varieties of fish—including the shark—are eaten by the inhabitants, the annual yield of the fisheries being 3,000,000 tons, or three times the consumption in the United States. The value of this product is $30,000,000. The coasts also supply an edible alga known as laver, and other sea weeds from which food gelatine is extracted, together with large quantities of salt. From Japan, moreover, comes a large quantity of the world's coral and pearls.

This country is the greatest consumer of hides and skins in the world. It uses in a year 48,000,000 goat skins, 24,000,000 sheep skins, 16,000,000 hides of all kinds, 9,000,000 calf skins and 2,000,000 other skins. It imports all its goat skins, a total amount of about $25,000,000 worth, and over $10,000,000 worth of hides and over $17,000,000 worth of other skins, a total of over $50,000,000 of hides and skins. Germany imports one-third less hides and skins than does this country, and England and France each import one-half as much.

New Mexico has a great desert, thirty miles long and ten miles wide, of glistening white gypsum.

The longest clock pendulum ever made is that of the Eiffel Tower—377 feet.

The most costly tomb in existence is that which was erected to the memory of Mahomet. The diamonds and rubies are valued at $10,000,000.

Steam has by no means made sailing vessels obsolete. The total number of them in the world is still 65,934, as against only 30,561 steamers.

The river Orinoco has more tributaries than any other river. The total number is put at 2,500, including 436 large streams.

A freak ear of corn is reported from Shelbyville, Ind. It is composed of about 200 small ears, each the size of a lead pencil.

Bayonets were first manufactured in Bayonne, France, in the year 1670. They received their name from the town of their origin.

The finest private tomb in the world cost $900,000. It is in England—the tomb of the Duke of Hamilton, in the park of Hamilton Palace.

The wettest place on earth is reputed to be Cherrapunji, India, and a recent fall of 74 inches of rain in five consecutive days must discourage other competitors for the record.

In one pound of coal there is enough coloring matter to dye 500 yards of flannel magenta, to dye 129 yards aurine, to dye 2,500 yards scarlet and 255 yards of Turkey red.

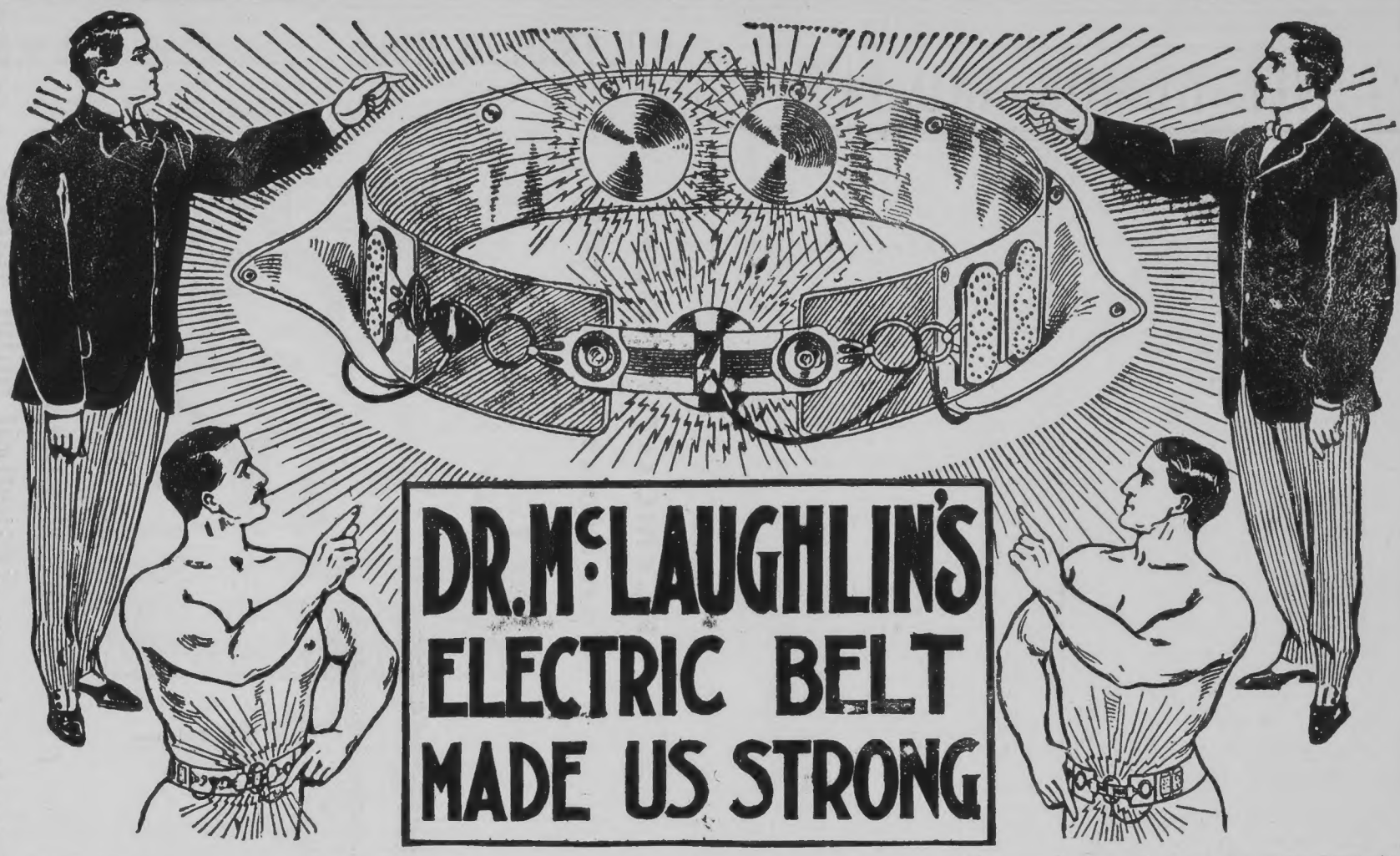
Paper is now used to make saucepans. On account of their lightness these utensils were much used by the Japanese army. The paper pulp is impregnated with certain salts. The utensils stand the fire well, provided they are kept full of liquid.

It is calculated that in London alone about 4,000 persons regularly make a living by begging; that the average income for each amounts to $7.50 a week, or, together, over $1,500'000 a year. Last year about 2,000 persons were arrested for begging in the streets of London, and many of them were possessed of considerable sums of money, and even of bank books showing handsome deposits.

Diseases That Kill Workers.

Diseases that kill among these world's workers in all trades are interesting in their point of attack. In the following table tuberculosis is separate from diseases of the respiratory organs in general, but either classification leads any other by long odds:

Nervous system	82
Tuberculosis	185
Heart	126
Respiratory organs	254
Cancer	44
Kidneys	41
Liver	40
Accidents	57
Suicide	14



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When you meet a friend on the street and comment upon his improved appearance and he tells you that Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt has done it, even though you don't believe in electric belts yourself you can't help feeling glad that your friend imagines that it helped him.

It's hard to convince some people that there is so much good in a thing that is worn about the body only a few hours at a time; it looks impossible, but when a dozen people whom you know to be honest persist in saying that it made life worth living for them you are forced to take some stock in it.

That is why Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt is so popular now. It has cured a lot of people, and they are praising it; they call it their best friend.

One man who had felt run down generally, who had no life in him, no ambition for the future, and was always groaning with some sort of a pain or ache, was cured by it, and he seemed to think a good deal of it, because he said there was not enough gold in the Dominion to buy it of him if he could not get another like it.

The most noticeable thing about men who have been cured by Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt is the way their views change as to their future; men who have looked for nothing but hard luck and discouragement seem to take a new grip on prosperity and aim higher from the day they begin wearing the belt.

You know men who seem to think that they have no luck, nothing turns out right for them. They are men without nerve, with some sort of trouble that is holding them down; they are discouraged and tired of the fight; they wake up in the morning with a pain in the back, a tired feeling and very little interest in the day before them; they go about their work without caring, and are glad when quitting time comes.

How can luck favor that kind of a man? If he does succeed, it is certainly luck for him, but fortune smiles mostly on the man who goes after her with a club; you've got to train your luck as the man tamed the shrew, by being master of it and shaping it in your favor by your power to command.

Luck is generally nothing but energy turned to working for you; success comes to the hustler. Nobody can hustle who has not strength and vitality. Men who wear Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt are full of energy; they aim high; they bring success to themselves with the health and strength that the wonderful belt gives them.

That is why men who wear this Belt are bright, happy and cheerful; they feel good, and show it.

The majority of cases which have been lately cured by the Dr. McLaughlin Belt are of men broken down by nervous strain, over-work, over-eating and late hours. In them the old ambition seemed to have gone; self-confidence was lacking, and there was a tendency to premature old age. In such cases Electricity is most effective, as its effect is to restore life to the nerves and all the vital organs. As examples of the influence of the Dr. McLaughlin Belt upon such cases note what Mr. Jos. Armstrong, 173 Rectory st., London, Ont., says:

"I am glad to say that I never felt better in all my life, and all the praise is due to you and your Belt, which I only wore for three weeks, and have it laid aside as good as new. To put the whole thing in a nutshell, every joint in my body and my back is working like a new clock. My work is no bother to me, and I thank you again for the cure of my back and stomach, and for my whole system. Do not be afraid of letting any one see this, and if they are not satisfied with this, send them to and I will prove it to them. After suffering for the most of four years, you and your Belt cured me. I came here from Scotland for that cure, and I am for stopping in this country now. I am here to witness all I have said. Wishing you all kinds of prosperity and sale for your good remedy."

Here is another: Mr. J. Harry Denton, Trenton, Ont., says:

"I used your Belt for nervous debility and rheumatism in 1903, and it cured me. I wrote at that time to this effect, and what I said then I can verify now. I am enjoying better health at the present time than I have done for many years. I would recommend the Belt to any one suffering from rheumatism or from any form of nervousness."

Mr. A. Russell, Niagara Falls, Ont., writes:

"I am glad to tell you that I have not felt better in years. I have had no signs of a lame back since I wore your Belt, and that is over a year ago. I think they are the best thing for a lame back that any one could get. I could not have got along without one, and I will be pleased to recommend your Belt to any one that is troubled with a lame back."

In cases of Rheumatism the Dr. McLaughlin Electric Belt has a specific action in quickly relieving the pains and freeing the blood of the Uric Acid deposits that cause the trouble. Among the recent cures we may mention Mr. Angus McDonald, No. 9 Buffalo street, Brantford, Ont., who says:

"I came to Brantford a little over two years ago crippled up with Rheumatism so bad I had to be carried into the house, and was bedfast for six months. I was treated by three different doctors. I went to Preston and took the baths, and received slight benefit from them. I then bought one of your Belts, and at that time considered my case hopeless. I have improved steadily since wearing it, and have been able to resume my business as builder and contractor. I have recommended your Belts to many as a sure cure for Rheumatism, even in its worst form, as I was about as bad as any one could be with it when I got your Belt, which has, I am glad to say, completely cured me. The Rheumatism had affected my heart, and it has greatly improved me in that respect."

Mr. Robert, Arcola, Sask., is another man cured of rheumatism two years afo. Here's what he says:

"Dear Sir,—I wore your Belt two years ago for rheumatism, and it cured me completely, and I can now say that I consider it a permanent cure as I have had no return of it since. I thank you very much for urging me to take your Belt at that time. I feel stronger and younger than I have for years, and I would advise any one suffering from rheumatism to try your Belt, as I do not think they could find a better remedy"

The man or woman whose stomach seems to be "knocked out" can practically get a new stomach by using the Dr. McLaughlin Belt. The reason for this is that the stomach when in a healthy condition is an electric battery in itself. It furnishes power and strength to every organ of the body. When it is weak, it is a sign that the natural Electricity is below the normal. It is useless to take drugs to refill the human electric battery with the element that is so necessary for its health. They can't do it. How the stomach is reinvigorated by the Dr. McLaughlin Electric Belt is told by Mrs. Bertha Hamilton, of Erin, Ont., who writes as follows:

"Since calling at your office on June 22, I must tell you that I am sure it was the Electric Belt that has helped me. I know that I would not have lived if I had not got it when I did, and I cannot be too thankful to you. After five years of agony that I endured, it is like having a new lease of life now. I am gaining two pounds of flesh a week, and am eating solid food. I have been taking liquid food a month nearly, and solid food for three weeks. The people think my cure very rapid and wonderful. Many of them said I would never eat again. I am certain that you cannot advertise your Electric Belts enough. The only trouble is that there are those sold that are no good. We do not think anything of the money we spent on the Belt. I have to repeat my story over and over again every day to different people, as every one wants to hear from myself about my cure. I never felt better than I do now. Of course, my nerves began to quiet when I began to use the Belt, and, as you know, I wore it even when I was very weak. I have a host of grateful friends who wish me to thank you also for them, for they were all nearly sick about me, thinking and seeing me starving every day, with plenty of food about me. I cannot speak too highly of your Electric Belt, for it is a perfect fit, and is doing just what you said it would do, and in so short a time. I never expected the cure so quickly. It was a surprise to me, and I can hardly believe it. I now look very well. You would hardly recognize me as the woman who called at your office on June 22. I think my doctor here is as delighted over my recovery as any one can be. With best wishes for your continued success."

Here's a man cured of stomach and kidney trouble and diarrhoea. A. P. Hickling, of St. James, Man., says:

"My indigestion has quite disappeared and my kidneys are free from pain. I no longer feel any weakness in my spine, and my appetite has returned, so that I can enjoy as good a meal as any man my size. I have gained five pounds in weight, yet the neighbors say that I do not look as fat as I did. I am also free from diarrhoea, which was severe during the summer months. I am most thankful to say that the Belt has about cured me of other weaknesses. I believe your Electric Belt is a genuine success"

We could fill pages of this paper with letters of praise from those who have been cured by Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt, but those given above are certainly enough to suggest to the reader that he may also find relief from his ailments by using electricity. If I don't cure you, it costs you nothing. All I ask is reasonable security and you can pay when cured.

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Wintah time hit comin'
Stealin' thoo de night;
Wake up in de mo'nin'
Evaht'ing is white;
Cabin lookin' lonesome
Stannin' in de snow,
Meks you kin' o' nervous
W'en de win' hit blow.

Trompin' back f'om feedin',
Col' an' wet an' blue,
Homespun jacket ragged,
Win' a-blowin' thoo.
Cabin lookin' cheerful
Unnerneaf de do',
Yet you kin' o' keerful
W'en de win' hit blow.

Hickory log a-blazin',
Light a-lookin' red,
Paih o' eyes a-peepin'
F'om a trun'le bed,
Little feet a-patterin'
Cleah across de flo';
Bettah had be keerful
W'en de win' hit blow.

Suppah done and ovah,
Evaht'ing is still;
Listen to de snow-man
Slippin' down de hill;
Ashes on de fiah,
Keep it wa'm but low;
What's de use o' keerin'
Ef de win' do blow?

Smoke-house full o' bacon,
Brown an' sweet an' good;
'Taters in de cellah,
'Possum roam de wood;
Little baby snoozin'
Des es ef he know,
What's de use o' keerin'
Ef de win' do blow?

Splinters.

Always be kind to dumb creatures;
Let the strings of your heart be unloosed;
For remember that each kindly action
Is certain to come home to roost.

Were it not for the few extra handfuls
Of corn that you threw in the way
Of the turkey those cold days of autumn,
You would not be so happy to-day.

Ella—"What would you do if you were in my shoes?"
Stella—"Stuff 'em with cotton."

Friend—"Doesn't the doctor know what's the matter with you?"
Patient—"I guess not. He knows I've got microbes, but he doesn't know what kind they are."

The Doctor—So you think all diseases are due to microbes, do you?"
The Patient—"Not necessarily. A great many of them are doubtless due to doctors."

Visitor (to widow)—"I am so sorry to hear of the sudden death of your husband. Did they hold a post-mortem examination?"
"Yes, and like those doctors, they did not hold it until he was dead, or they might have saved his life."

The Customer — "Do you think there is much danger of people being buried alive?"
The Druggist—"Of course not. No conscientious physician would stand for anything of that kind, as long as the patient's money held out."

A Chicago mother was trying to get her little boy to go to bed. "Run along, Johnny," she said, "and get into your bed. The little chickens have all gone to bed." "Yes, mother, I know," said the little tot, with a quivering lip; "but the old hen went to bed with 'em."

"You will be glad to know, madam, that your husband will most certainly recover." Wife—"Oh, dear me, doctor, what shall I do?" Physician—"Why, madam, what do you mean? Aren't you anxious that your husband should get well?" Wife (sobbing)—"Yes; only when you said last week you didn't think he would live a fortnight I went and sold all his clothes."

"How did he happen to settle in Montreal?"
"Because he owed everybody in Toronto."

Patience—Do you believe that love comes after marriage?
Patrice—No, not even in the dictionary.

"Will alcohol dissolve sugar?"
"It will," replied the Old Soak; "it will dissolve gold, brick houses and horses, and happiness, and love and everything else worth having."

"Now, these chaps that borry money," began the Sage of Plunkville.
"Well?"
"If ye don't expect it back they think ye're a sucker, an' if ye do expect it back they call ye a Shylock."

"Your father is certainly the politest man I know."
"What makes you say that?"
"He's pretending that he's cured of his dyspepsia in order that he shall not hurt his doctor's feelings."

Smith—Who is that distinguished looking man across the street?
Jones—That is professor Tapham, the eminent bacteriologist.
Smith—Is he an American?
Jones—No; he is a germ-man.

Mrs. Crabshaw: "You seem pleased that my doctor recommended a five-mile walk every day."
Crabshaw: "Yes, my dear; I was afraid he would recommend an automobile."

"Well, Patrick," asked the doctor, "how do you feel to-day?"
"Och, docthor, dear, I enjoy very poor health, intirely. The rheumatics are very distressin', indade; when I go to slape I lay awake all night, an' my toes is swelled as big as a goose hen's egg; so whin I stand up I fall down immajit."

Irate Customer: "Look here, young man, I bought this hair tonic from you, and it is absolutely worthless."
Barber: "We can't help that, sir."
Irate Customer: "But you guaranteed each bottle."
Barber: "Exactly, sir, but we did not guarantee the tonic."

"Henry, there's a married man who is madly in love with me."
"Good heavens! Who is it?"
"If I tell you will you give me the new dresses I want?"
"Yes; that I will."
"Well, Henry, there's no need to get excited—it's yourself!"

An English debtor, on being sued, admitted that he had borrowed the money, but said that the plaintiff knew at the time it was a "Kathleen Mavourneen loan." "A Kathleen Mavourneen loan?" questioned the court, with a puzzled look. "That's it, your lordship—one of the 'it may be for years, and it may be forever' sort."

A physician in this vicinity, says the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, was recently called to a family which he found in such destitute circumstances that he gave, in addition to his prescription, a five-dollar bill. Happening in the next day, he discovered that his gift had been thus spent: Three dollars to the priest, and two dollars to get another doctor.

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Clarence, Ont., Jan. 31st, 1906.
Windsor Supply Co.:
Dear Sirs,—I received my home repairing outfit all O. K., and am well pleased with it. I would not be without it for twice the price. It is handy to repair harness, boots or tinware. It both saves time and money as well. —Ever yours, FRANK W. ROE.

Ingleton, Alta., Sept. 6th, 1906.
Windsor Supply Co.:
Dear Sirs,—I received the Home Repairing Outfit from you last March, and I am well pleased with it. I can recommend it to any one as a first-class article. Yours truly, ISAAC BURKHOLDER.

Plum Hollow, Ont., March 12, 1906.
The Windsor Supply Co.:
Dear Sirs,—Received the new style Plymouth Rock Combination Outfit I ordered in due time. On opening same found it to be all you advertised it, and well worth the price you ask. Will take pleasure in recommending it to my friends.—I am, yours truly, BERT BARBER.

Perkin's Mills, Que., Feb. 24, 1906.
Windsor Supply Co., Windsor, Ont.:
Dear Sirs,—I am very sorry I did not write sooner, but I thought I would be able to get an order to send at the same time. I received the tools (P. R. C. Outfit) and have tried them. They are very good. I am very well satisfied with them, and I think every farmer should have them.—Yours truly, JAMES SCOTT.

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